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TOWN OF LEXINGTON

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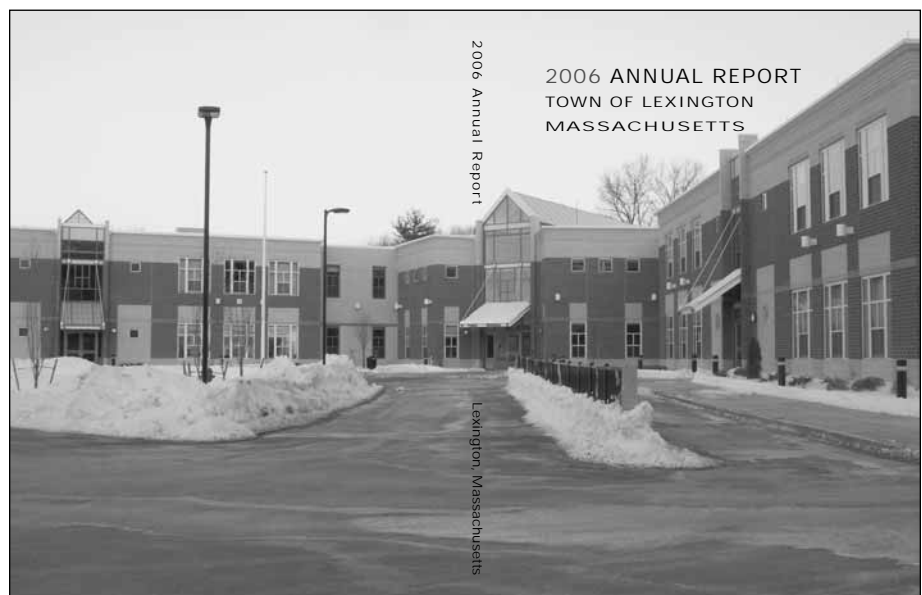
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ON THE COVER: The new Fiske School is scheduled to open in February 2007.

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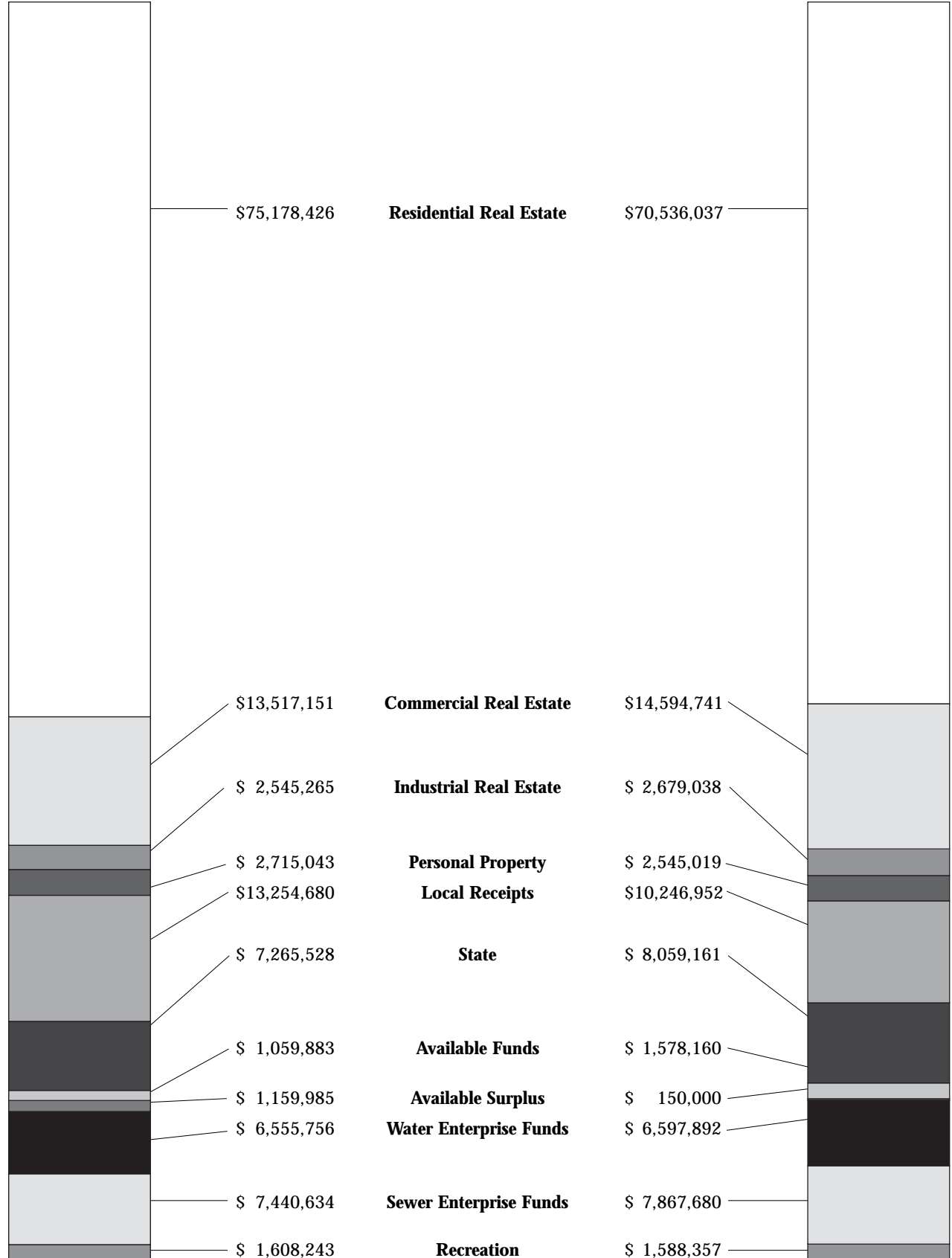
Revenue Sources

2005

\$132,300,575

Total Revenue Sources

\$126,443,036



2006

Operating Expenses

2005

\$126,169,785

Total Operating Expenses

\$122,776,030

\$71,866,811
 \$71,036,577
 \$ 830,234

Education
 Lexington Public Schools
 Regional Schools

\$67,244,541
 \$66,411,274
 \$ 833,267

\$ 8,302,085
 \$ 7,818,484
 \$ 483,601

Community Services
 DPW General Fund
 Transportation (LEXPRESS)

\$ 8,134,835
 \$ 7,843,916
 \$ 290,919

\$ 8,848,961
 \$ 4,430,217
 \$ 4,418,744

Public Safety
 Law Enforcement
 Fire Services

\$ 8,401,745
 \$ 4,288,363
 \$ 4,113,382

\$ 1,754,474
 \$ 1,754,474

Culture
 Library

\$ 1,726,938
 \$ 1,726,938

\$ 949,715
 \$ 204,290
 \$ 642,541
 \$ 102,884

Community Development
 Planning Board
 Inspectional Services
 Economic Development

\$ 792,862
 \$ 175,412
 \$ 612,918
 \$ 4,532

\$ 399,113
 \$ 242,665
 \$ 156,448

Social Services
 Council on Aging
 Human Services

\$ 397,362
 \$ 293,401
 \$ 103,961

\$ 3,172,622
 \$ 356,229
 \$ 34,148
 \$ 286,035
 \$ 114,047
 \$ 382,174
 \$ 2,200
 \$ 1,016,715
 \$ 337,687
 \$ 643,387

General Government
 Town Counsel
 Town Committees
 Town Clerk's Office
 Board of Selectmen
 Town Manager's Office
 Town Report
 Finance Department
 MIS
 State & County Assessments

\$ 3,088,607
 \$ 399,614
 \$ 35,650
 \$ 258,083
 \$ 133,646
 \$ 379,764
 \$ 5,936
 \$ 841,229
 \$ 355,548
 \$ 679,137

\$17,291,757
 \$ 199,152
 \$ 8,631,995
 \$ 206,551
 \$ 2,760,000
 \$ 5,043,311
 \$ 450,748

Shared Expenses
 Organizational Expenses
 Employee Benefits/Insurance
 Temporary Borrowing
 Debt Service Principal
 Exempt Debt
 Debt Service Interest

\$18,819,682
 \$ 123,636
 \$ 7,899,895
 \$ 173,238
 \$ 3,701,000
 \$ 6,363,045
 \$ 558,868

\$13,584,247
 \$ 5,655,390
 \$ 6,504,052
 \$ 1,424,805

Enterprise Funds
 Water
 Sewer
 Recreation

\$14,169,458
 \$ 5,791,155
 \$ 6,840,667
 \$ 1,537,636

Cornelius “Neil” Cronin Tribute

A life of more than one hundred and three years is a remarkable achievement. Such a life that consists of important contributions to his town and its citizens is an even greater accomplishment. Cornelius “Neil” Cronin lived such a life: a life of caring and sharing, a life of service, a wonderfully productive life.

He lived his entire life in Lexington, in only two houses, first on Cottage Street, then on Utica Street from the age of seven until his death on November 11, 2006. He was the son of Irish immigrants, his father employed as a gardener on the Tower Estate. He attended Monroe Elementary School and Lexington High School (class of 1921). He graduated from Boston University School of Business Administration in 1926.

Neil served the Town of Lexington as the Town Assessor for twenty-five years—from 1948 to 1973. His temperament was perfect for the job, unflappable and always congenial in a job that often produces conflict and antagonism.

During World War II, after being discharged from the Army upon a determination that he was too old to serve, he immediately became a Senior Town Warden, helping to protect the town during a tense time in our history. Later, he became the Director of Guides on the Green, a “job” that he thoroughly enjoyed, from 1980 to 1991, at which time he was awarded the title of Director of Guides Emeritus. Until a year or two before his death, the Christian Heritage Academy of Del City, Oklahoma, was still requesting him to personally conduct their senior class during their visit to Lexington.

His search for knowledge about Lexington, and especially its people, was insatiable, and his eagerness to share that knowledge unbounded. He loved everyone, but especially young people. He loved to tell them his stories of Lexington, particularly the events and people that he personally experienced. During his last few years, he was pleased to share his knowledge officially with a number of high school students writing papers for a class entitled “Investigating Lexington’s History.” In 2003, the year he turned 100, one of those student, Li-Mei Lim, wrote her entire paper on Neil’s life, interviewing him extensively.

He also served the town in other ways. He was proud of the fact that he was a float judge for the Patriots’ Day parade for many years.

Neil has received many awards for his service over the years. He was tremendously proud of the White Tricorn Hat presented to him in 1983, justly rewarding him for being



Cornelius “Neil” Cronin

Lexington’s leading citizen. He wore it proudly and decorated it with various pins commemorating his beloved town. In 1987, he was awarded the Minuteman Cane for continuing to be productive at what many consider an advanced age and for being an inspiration to our older citizens. He was an Honorary Life Member of the Lexington Company of Minute Men, the Lexington Chamber of Commerce, and the Lexington Historical Society. He received the Paul Harris Fellow award from the Rotary Club in 1994. A deeply patriotic man, Neil was an active member of the American Legion Stanley Hill Post, No. 38, based in Lexington for 57 years. When the Post closed in 2005, Neil donated its American flag to the Lexington Depot building.

In May 2003, Neil was honored with a special birthday celebration. In tribute to his remarkable life, the Lexington Historical Society adopted an idea conceived by Mary Gillespie and Wendy Parrish and created the Cornelius P. Cronin Leading Lexingtonians Lecture Series to feature people who have lived in the community and distinguished themselves beyond Lexington. The first program featured Neil himself, being interviewed by his grandchildren.

On October 23, 2005, Neil, then age 102, as the Historical Society’s oldest Life Member, and Sam Doran, at age 11 the Society’s youngest Life Member, shared the ribbon-cutting duties at the Grand Opening of the Lexington Historical Society’s Depot building.

A tribute to Neil Cronin would not be complete without mention of his special talent: the making of gavels and presentation of them to distinguished citizens. He crafted them lovingly from tree limbs that had fallen on the Green and elegantly presented them on special occasions such as a retirement, an anniversary, or other special event.

Neil’s love of Lexington was second only to his love for his family. His devotion to and pride in the love of his life, wife Mildred, his children, Anne Cronin Cave and Neil, Jr., and his grandchildren was unwavering.

The core of Neil’s one hundred and three years was his curiosity for and interest in everyone he encountered. His greatest legacy is perhaps his ability to connect with people of all ages, and as Mary Gillespie, a Lexington social studies educator, has put it, his ability to share his knowledge and create an awareness of history, to make history literally come alive, for our young people especially, but also for all of the citizens of Lexington and beyond. ■

TOWN GOVERNMENT

Board of Selectmen

ELECTED by the voters at large to 3-year terms: Chair Jeanne Krieger, Peter Kelley, Richard Pagett, Norman Cohen, and Hank Manz.

Expenditures	FY06	FY05
<i>Payroll</i>	\$53,176	\$55,515
<i>Expenses</i>	\$60,871	\$78,131

Fiscal

Factors influencing Lexington's FY07 budget were no different from those in other towns across the Commonwealth, namely, state aid below 2002 levels, increasing costs of healthcare benefits, soaring energy costs, and unfunded state mandates. An operating override was called in June to preserve services, maintain educational programs, and restore programs cut in prior years that if restored would result in operating efficiencies. Four questions totaling \$5 million were put to the voters. Two passed, providing funding for critical programs including preventive maintenance for school and town assets, purchase of three fuel-efficient municipal vehicles, restoration of the Economic Development Officer position, a Human Resources Director, and a Management Information System Director. Two questions amounting to \$3.2 million failed, leading to reductions in educational programs and increased fees.

When state aid was appropriated in June, well after the FY07 budget had been completed, aid for education (Chapter 70) came in higher than budgeted, but it was too late and too little. At a Special Town Meeting called at the end of November, essentially all of the increase in state aid was appropriated to cover unforeseen increases in the Special Education budget, primarily for out-of-district placements. Education of these special students, an example of an unfunded mandate, is a community responsibility that is likely to continue to prove a budget buster. As we begin the FY08 budget process, the factors influencing expenses and revenue are the same. Balancing the FY08 budget will prove to be as difficult as the previous year's task.

Yet Lexington continues to be among the 13 communities in Massachusetts with a Aaa bond rating, an indication of the Town's strong financial position. The Town further strengthened its financial position by adopting policies recommended by the Financial Policy Review Committee, a group of former Selectmen and Finance Committee members, as well as experienced financial officers and academics who made recommendations covering three broad areas: continuing contributions to a stabilization fund to respond to downturns in the economy, the establishment of reserves for anticipated but unpredictable expenses (e.g., workers compensation), and adequate funding for asset maintenance. The FY07 budget expanded reserves to 5.3% of the general fund, up from less than 3% in FY05. The passed override set aside a modest \$150,000 for establishment of a maintenance



Photo: David S. Tabeing

1st step from left to right: Norman Cohen, Jeanne Krieger, Chairman, Carl Valente, Town Manager. 2nd step: Lynn Pease, Executive Clerk. 3rd step: Richard Pagett, Hank Manz, Peter Kelley.

reserve. What remains is to continue to expand these reserves, as well as to begin to fund the looming mandate of retiree healthcare benefits.

In setting the water and sewer rates, the Selectmen once again reduced the contribution to the Payment in Lieu of Taxes for each Enterprise Fund and reduced the contribution of indirect payments to bring the funds more in line with current accounting methodology. Both were recommendations stemming from the report of the Water and Sewer Ad Hoc Committee.

Town Assets

At the March town election, voters adopted the Community Preservation Act (CPA), allowing a 3% surcharge to the tax levy to be collected for preservation, conservation, and housing projects. Under the CPA, state funds match each dollar raised in the community. So far, funds have been appropriated for worthy programs including improvements to the police and fire stations, ventilation of the vault for storage of historical records, and preparation of the open space and recreation plan, programs that otherwise would not have been funded, given our tight fiscal situation.

What Keyspan blew up last year, Keyspan largely repaired this year. Road resurfacing and repaving in and around the Center,

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damaged during repairs to the gas lines, were completed in the summer and fall. The Town settled with Keyspan for payment for the road repairs and staff time associated with the 2006 emergency. An independent audit of the integrity of the affected gas lines, required by Fire Chief Middlemiss, paid for by Keyspan, indicates that the gas distribution system is sound and meets current industry standards. Further effort is warranted on two issues: continued monitoring of gas leaks in the older cast iron piping and increased follow-up by Keyspan and residents to ensure that piping on private property, inaccessible at the time of the survey conducted from November 2006 to March 2007, is properly monitored.

Planning continues for a new Department of Public Works (DPW) Facility at 201 Bedford St. Conditions at the barn have not improved since a 1990 engineering study reported that the building, constructed in 1929, was inadequate for current operations. Nearly 20 years and almost as many studies later, the design of the DPW is nearly complete. At the Special Fall Town Meeting on December 6, an appropriation of \$1.6 million was approved to complete the design, construction documents, and other necessary items to allow the Town to proceed to bidding. An advisory group of Selectmen; Finance Committee members; and representatives from the Permanent Building Committee, Design Advisory Committee, and Energy Committee will work with the architects to evaluate each of the functional elements of the design to ensure that the building to be advanced at the 2007 Annual Town Meeting for full funding will be a design that ensures maximum benefit to the community. This will be a facility that will serve Lexington for at least 50 years, allow the DPW to operate in an efficient, cost-effective manner, and ensure the safety of the public and our employees.

The first of a series of projects to improve connectivity in the center, completed through the collaboration of the Chamber of Commerce, the Design Advisory Committee, the Bicycle Committee, and the Center Committee, was completed, providing plantings along the bike path and a granite staircase connecting the Depot parking lot to the lower parking lot behind CVS.

The Communications Advisory Committee negotiated a cable license with Verizon, so there will now be three vendors of cable and Internet services in Lexington. During the public hearing required for licensing, Verizon committed to taking action on eliminating double poles, a long-standing concern.

Planning

A lease has been signed with NSTAR to permit 30 or so much-needed additional parking spaces to be constructed behind the Boston Edison building.

The legislature declared the Battle Road in Arlington, Lexington, Lincoln, and Concord to be a Scenic Byway, paving the way for application for a federal Highway Scenic Byway Grant that can be used for a corridor management plan and funding for signage, maps, and brochures. Supplementing this effort, Lexington participated in a

Heritage Landscape Inventory program sponsored by the Division of Conservation and Recreation and the Freedom's Way Heritage Association. Nine priority landscapes were identified and strategies for preservation proposed.

Siting a senior community center continues to perplex. In February, the Senior Center Action Plan Committee recommended the Munroe School, home of the Munroe Center for the Arts, as their first choice, unleashing a torrent of responses from residents who enjoy the programs offered by the Munroe Center. The Town continues to work with the administration of the Munroe Center to ensure a plan to begin reimbursing the Town for use and maintenance of the building. In the meantime, the School Committee voted on December 19 to conditionally release the White House, the school administration building adjacent to the Town Office complex. A vote of Town Meeting must approve the transfer of this site to the Selectmen. Plans for the old Harrington School remain undefined. The Selectmen are in receipt of 1,650 signatures requesting that a site for a senior center be selected and that planning money be requested at the Annual 2007 Town Meeting.

Good planning was rewarded with the approval by Mass Highway for sound barriers along the Route 128/Route 3 intersection. Mr. Galatsis of the Planning Board, working with neighbors, recognized that the state's initial analysis denying sound barriers was suspect. The Town, upon recommendation of Counsel, hired a national acoustic expert who challenged the measurements and was able to show that sound barriers were indeed warranted.

Moving about Town continues to be an active area of interest. The Safe Routes to School program at Bridge School won a 2006 EPA Environmental Merit Award. The program was also successfully replicated at Bowman and Hastings. Mass Highway has worked with town officials and neighbors to develop a plan for improved signalization at Marrett Road and Waltham Street. The Town accepted the 75% design and is in the queue for funding from the state. A series of neighborhood meetings about the Marrett Road/Spring Street intersection resulted in a recommendation for geometric improvements and signalization. Interest in pedestrian and cyclist safety is a recurring theme in traffic studies.

During the first quarter of FY07, residents accepted the challenge to reduce their waste by 3 pounds/week and were on track to send 770 fewer tons of solid waste annually to the Andover incinerator. Waste reduction, energy conservation, and a commitment to sustainable design in new municipal buildings are key elements in assuring that town services are delivered in a way that minimizes environmental impact and reduces costs.

Communication

Lexington Selects, a biweekly cable program featuring municipal services and programs, has proven effective in

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explaining town government. Selectmen-approved meeting minutes are routinely posted on the much-improved Town website.

Transition

Richard Pagett, who, during his tenure as Selectman, championed the siting of a senior center, was a voice for fiscal responsibility, and initiated the effort that led to the NSTAR parking area, has chosen not to seek reelection to the Board. He has lent balance and insight to the Board.

Rob Addelson was appointed Assistant Town Manager for Finance. His thorough, informed style has already had an effect.

Betty Eddison, who served as Selectman from 1993 to 2001, died, leaving a long legacy of service to the community.

Our successes are a direct result of the enthusiasm and dedication of Lexington's citizens, the support and leadership of the town staff, and the collaborative spirit of the appointed and elected town boards. The role of the Board of Selectmen is largely one of guidance and encouragement for the other citizen's groups serving the Town. ■

Town Manager

ROLE: As the Chief Executive Officer of the Town, as established in the Selectmen-Town Manager Act, the Town Manager

administers the policies and procedures of the Board of Selectmen, enforces bylaws and actions passed by Town Meeting, and prepares the budget for and manages the daily operation of all town departments. The Town Manager's Office also includes the Human Resources Office.

APPOINTED by the Board of Selectmen: Carl Valente, appointed July 2005.

Budget

The FY2007 budget process continued the collaborative process followed in the last several years between the staff and the Board of Selectmen, School Committee, and the Appropriation and Capital Expenditures Committees. Eight collaborative budget sessions were held during the fall and winter to produce a budget that addressed many pressing needs, leading up to placing four Proposition 2½ override questions before the voters in June 2006, two of which passed, for a total of \$1,858,435. The approval of these two override questions allowed the Town to address many public safety and facility issues.

Finance

Lexington is one of approximately 15 communities in the Commonwealth that enjoys a Aaa bond rating, the highest achievable. In response to a recommendation of the 2020 Committee Budget Task Force, the Board of Selectmen appointed a Financial Policy Review Committee staffed by the Town Manager and Budget Officer. The Committee made its recommendations in March 2006. This report included recommendations regarding the Town's reserves, funding of unfunded liabilities, capital financing, and asset renewal and replacement. With this report as an overall roadmap, the

Town Manager and Board of Selectmen proposed a number of funding initiatives to 2006 Town Meeting to strengthen the Town's financial position, including increasing the Town's stabilization fund reserve by \$2,650,000.

In March 2006, the Town Manager recommended to the Board of Selectmen the appointment of Rob Addelson as Assistant Town Manager for Finance/Comptroller. Rob comes to Lexington with experience as the School Business Manager for Arlington, Chief Finance Officer for Framingham, Finance Director for Needham, and Bureau Chief for the Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services. Rob will oversee the Comptroller, Revenue, Assessing, Budget, and Management Information Services offices.

Water and Sewer Enterprise Funds

The Town Manager's Office commissioned a special study by the Town's audit firm of the Town's Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund Accounts, specifically examining the decrease in retained earnings during the FY03-05 period. This study was received in October 2006 and found that the decrease in retained earnings was the result of two factors: the use of retained earnings to offset water and sewer rate increases and the setting of water and sewer rates too low because of incorrect data on water consumption. This latter problem was the result of an incomplete billing software conversion during 2003 and has since been rectified.

The Town Manager's Office and Finance Department also completed an analysis of water and sewer indirect costs. These indirect costs are expenses that the Town's general fund makes on behalf of the water and sewer enterprise funds. Indirect costs include items such as employee benefits and engineering support services. As a result of this analysis, the Town Manager recommended to the Board of Selectmen that the Town reduce the General Fund charge for indirect costs to the Water and Sewer Enterprise funds. The Board adopted this recommendation and approved a six-year program to reduce indirect costs payments to the General Fund, beginning with a \$55,000 reduction for FY2007. ■

The Board of Selectmen identified economic development as a priority for the Town. To this end, an Economic Development Task Force was created as part of the Town's 2020 Vision Committee's long-range planning process. The Task Force began its focus in four areas: restoration of an Economic Development office and hiring an Economic Development Director; analysis of commercial development trends in Lexington and conduct of various fiscal impact analysis scenarios to determine whether land use and zoning changes will strengthen the commercial tax base in Town, communication with residents about various options for addressing economic development in Town, and examination of the effect that Lexington's permitting and regulatory requirements have on economic development. Regarding the reestablishment of an Economic Development Office, the Town Manager's Office began this process in late 2006 and anticipates hiring an Economic Development Officer in the first quarter of 2007.

Senior Management Team

Since 1995, the Senior Management Team (SMT), made up of the Town's 11 department managers, has worked with the Town Manager to define organizational mission, set goals and objectives, and produce and measure results. The SMT continues to maintain the organization's collaborative culture to keep municipal programs and services functioning effectively. During 2006, the SMT began to develop a plan, in cooperation with the Health Department, for a pandemic influenza outbreak.

Human Resources

Because of budget constraints, the staff in the Town Manager's Office was reduced by two positions during calendar year 2004 with the elimination of the Human Resources Generalist position and the collapsing of the Benefits Manager position with the Revenue Officer position. At part of the 2006 Proposition 2.5 override vote, funding was approved for restoring one of these positions

through the hiring of a Human Resources Director. Recruitment began in the fall of 2006, and it is expected that the position will be filled early in 2007.

Collective bargaining continued to be a time-consuming task for the Town Manager's Office. Contracts with the following unions were settled for the FY05-07 period: Custodians, Firefighters, Dispatchers, and Police Superior Officers. As of the time of the preparation of this report, a contract with the Police Officers' union had not been settled.

Special Projects

Based on goals established by the Board of Selectmen, the Town Manager's Office began work on the following special projects in 2006:

- Updating the Town's Website.
- Negotiating a lease with the Munroe Center for the Arts for the use of the former Munroe School.
- Negotiating a contract with LexMedia to provide public, educational, and governmental (PEG) programming in Lexington.
- Negotiating a lease with LexMedia for the use of Kline Hall (Avalon Bay at Lexington) as a studio for PEG programming.
- Renovating the Selectmen's and Town Manager's Office and adding permanent audio/visual/cable TV capability to the Selectmen's Meeting Room.
- Marketing Cary Hall to community groups and adding permanent audio/visual/cable TV capability to the main hall.
- Assisting the Farmer's Market in their second season in Lexington Center.
- Assisting the Community Preservation Committee on the implementation of the Community Preservation Act in Lexington.
- Providing staff support to the Selectmen's Legal Services Review Committee. ■

Personnel Advisory Board

ROLE: To assist the Town Manager's Office in achieving its human resources mission—motivating town employees to reach their full potential on the job and attracting highly qualified candidates to fill job openings. To provide guidance and advice regarding employment and employee relations, compensation and benefits, employee communications, training and development, and health and safety.

APPOINTED by the Board of Selectmen: Co-Chairs Janet Perry and Evelyn Silber; William Barnes, Scott Burson, Richard Evans, Judy Minardi, and Laurie Smith Peck.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Provided input and advice in the following areas.
 - Reviewed and updated Policies and Procedures Manual, reflecting changes in legislation.
 - Reviewed and edited Benefits Handbook.
 - Discussed combining Policies and Benefits Handbooks.
 - Discussed developing a Supervisors' Handbook .
 - Reviewed and edited Director of Human Resources Job Description.
- Board Member chaired search committees to hire a Finance Director. This search began during 2005. ■

No Place For Hate™ Committee

ROLE: To work with citizens and town employees to create a community-based, shared vision of Lexington as a prejudice- and bias-free community where tolerance is the norm, each individual is protected and respected for his or her unique characteristics, and respect and civility govern public discourse. To recognize and celebrate diversity; challenge bigotry, racism, discrimination, hate crimes, civil rights violations, and acts of bias; and build intergroup understanding and respect. Affiliation: Lexington is part of a statewide campaign sponsored by the Anti-Defamation League of New England and the Mass. Municipal Association.

Steering Committee Members: Chair Jill Smilow, Reverend Judy Brain, Lexington Interfaith Clergy Association; Joseph O'Leary, Lexington Police Department; David Horton, Charles Martin, Claudia Lach, and Yukari Scott, Community Representatives; Leona Martin, Lexfest! Connecting Our Cultures; Brenda Prusak, Respecting Differences Liaison/Welcoming Congregations; Mary Sullivan Kelly, Lexington Public Schools; Linda Crew Vine, Lexington Town Manager's Office; Hank Manz, Board of Selectmen Liaison; Ravi Sakhuja, Indian American Association/School Committee Liaison; Becky Kosterman, Youth Services Coordinator Liaison; Mary Haskell, Lexington Coalition for Racial Equality.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- In partnership with the Town Manager's Office, the Town Clerk, and the Town Moderator, planned and participated in the Town of Lexington Board and Committee Training, "Leading and Conducting Effective Meeting Workshop."
- In partnership with The Friends of Cary Library, cosponsored a film series based on the themes of diversity, intergenerational family function and dysfunction, and immigration. The film series was inspired by the themes of the No Place for Hate fall 2005 Lexington Reads! book selection, *The Namesake*, by Jhumpa Lahiri.
- In partnership with the Lexington Coalition for Racial Equality, Lexington citizens and businesses, participated in the planning of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration and CommUNITY March events (held January 2007).
- In partnership with the Lexington Police Department, Town Manager's Office, and Board of Selectmen, created and implemented conflict resolution programming and strategies with a Lexington neighborhood in conflict. This initiative was an outgrowth of the Incident Response Team established in 2004. ■

Management Information Systems

ROLE: To provide high-quality, cost-effective information technology resources to town departments so that they can provide services to the citizens of the Town. The Management Information Systems (MIS) Department is solely responsible for the maintenance and security of the town departments' local area network. Other responsibilities include technology policy development, organizational training, end-user support, data management, and website maintenance. The Department co-manages the Town's wide area network with the Lexington Public Schools MIS Department.

Expenditures	FY06	FY05
<i>Payroll</i>	\$144,206	\$152,713
<i>Expenses</i>	\$177,731	\$202,835
<i>Town Network</i>	\$2,977	\$3,277
Personnel		
<i>Full Time</i>	3	3

APPOINTED by the Town Manager: The Coordinator position has been vacant since July 1, 2005.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Following a successful pilot program, implemented a remote access solution for critical-use applications and developed associated policies.
- Replaced training room in Cary Hall with mobile wireless solution, providing flexibility within town offices.
- Upgraded security software (anti-virus, anti-spyware, anti-spam) on all servers and clients at all town locations to provide more-comprehensive protection for the town network.
- Installed and configured new scheduling software for Social Services Department. ■

Town Clerk/Board of Registrars

Expenditures	FY06	FY05
<i>Payroll</i>	\$180,586	\$135,194
<i>Expenses</i>	\$ 6,568	\$ 7,551
<i>Elections Total</i>	\$ 61,554	\$ 87,377
<i>Registration Total</i>	\$ 33,191	\$ 23,836
<i>Records Management</i>	\$ 4,136	\$ 4,125

TOWN CLERK APPOINTED by the Town Manager: Donna Hooper since 1996. Office staff: Information Specialist Marlene Doyle, Administrative Assistant Lori Manning, and Municipal Clerks C. Jean Coates and Carmelina Fiore.

BOARD OF REGISTRARS appointed for a 3-year term by the Board of Selectmen: Chair Luanna Devenis [Republican, 2008], Ann Miller [Republican, 2007], Gerald Abegg [Democrat, 2009], and Town Clerk Donna Hooper [Unenrolled].

HIGHLIGHTS

- The Annual Town Meeting, covering 44 warrant articles and six meetings, was convened on March 27 in Cary Hall, Cary Memorial Building. The meeting was dissolved April 26, 2006. Two Special Town Meetings were called for November 28, 2006, and December 6, 2006, to cover unresolved budget issues (8 warrant articles) and to vote on design funds for a new DPW facility at 201 Bedford Street (2 warrant articles). The Meetings were dissolved on November 28 and December 6, respectively.
- Registrars forwarded recommendations to the Board of Selectmen for the Board's annual Election Officer appointments. Chapter 299 of the Acts of 2006, "An Act Regulating Election Practices," will enhance opportunities for 16- and 17-year-olds and out-of-town citizens to serve as election officers.
- Registrars staffed voter registration sessions before the March annual town election and certified a second round of initiative petitions for questions to appear on the

Lexington 2020 Vision Committee

ROLE: To be stewards of the January 2001 Lexington 2020 Vision Status Report and monitor the implementation process. The Committee seeks to keep the goals current, identify community priorities, engage larger constituencies having responsibility for action items, and develop measures for tracking and reporting on progress.

APPOINTED by the Board of Selectmen, in consultation with the School Committee and the Planning Board, for 3-year terms: Chair Fernando Quezada, Chuck Benson, Marian Cohen, Peter Enrich, Mollie Garberg, Stacey Hamilton, Jerry Lacey, Peter Lee, Ann Redmon, Board of Selectmen liaison Richard Pagett, School Committee liaison Ravi Sakhuja, and Planning Board liaison Charles Hornig. The Committee meets approximately once a month and establishes subcommittees that meet as needed during the year.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Published the second town-wide report on progress toward the vision and goals established in January 2001. This document, along with additional information and reports, is available on the Town's Website at http://lexingtonma.virtualtownhall.net/public_documents/LexingtonMA_BComm/Vision
- Continued implementation of recommendations from the Budget and Community Discourse Task Force

reports. The Town continued training for the more than 60 chairs of boards and committees to assist them in enhancing the quality of discussion at their meetings. The recommendations of the Financial Policy Review Committee were implemented in the development of the FY07 budget. Staff began planning a redesign of the Town's website to make it more accessible and useful.

- After conferring with the elected Boards, began work on two more high-priority goals. One is Economic Development, in particular the issues of commercial/industrial development in appropriate areas and ensuring the vitality of existing commercial districts. The second is Environmental Sustainability and how Lexington can minimize its negative impacts on the environment.
- Held initial meetings with key stakeholders, reviewed reports of preliminary Scoping Groups, and established Task Forces that will report on these topics in 2007.
- Continued to address ways to improve public communication and engage new people to become involved in local government. Recruitment of new committee members to represent diverse segments of the community is ongoing. ■

November 7 state election ballot, with five questions appearing on the precinct 3, 8, and 9 ballots and four questions on the precinct 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, and 7 ballots. Annual town election candidate papers were certified for candidates seeking major office and Town Meeting Member candidates.

- Four elections were held during 2006: March 6, 2006, Annual Town Election; June 5, 2006, Proposition 2½ Override vote; September 19, 2006, State Primary; and November 7, 2006, State Election. The polls for precincts 1 and 5 continued to be located at Cary Hall. A 75% voter turnout was achieved at the November 7 state election, at which a new Governor of the Commonwealth was elected.
- The Green-Rainbow and Working Families articles gained status as an official Massachusetts political party as a result of votes received at the November 7, 2006, state election.
- Enhancements to the Commonwealth's Central Voter Registry provided further improvements in preparation for full implementation of the Help American Vote Act of 2002. Changes implemented included electronic verification of voter identification provided at the time of voter registration, reducing the number of persons required to show proof of identification at the polls.
- Testing of voting equipment for voters with vision and hearing impairments was conducted at the November 7, 2006, state election in selected communities. Recent implementation of a voluntary program for testing and certification of voting systems by the U.S. Election Assistance Commission will be implemented in January 2007 as one means of insuring the integrity and reliability of voting system operation. It is likely that Lexington will see implementation of the systems selected at the March 2008 presidential primary.
- The Town's annual census updated Lexington's population and verified voter registration rolls, with the Annual List of Residents subsequently published in June.
- The Town Clerk's office continued servicing the community as agents for the U.S. Department of State, accepting and processing more than 600 applications for U.S. Passports.

- The Town Clerk's Office oversaw appointment notifications, oaths of office, and the posting of approximately 950 public meetings conducted for appointed and elected boards and committee members.
- To better guide and protect volunteer and appointed residents participating in greater numbers as volunteers to town boards and committees, two training sessions were conducted: "Leading and Conducting Effective Meetings" in January 2006 and State Ethics Commission training in October 2006.
- Funding was authorized for a part-time Archivist/Records Manager under the direction of the Town Clerk. An organizational program for the management of electronic documents was enhanced, with collection and archiving of board and committee meeting minutes and limited posting of such minutes on the Town's Web site.
- Supplements to the Code of Lexington were published, updating bylaw changes adopted at the 2006 Annual Town Meeting and Fall Special Town Meeting.
- Community Preservation Act funding was supported by the Community Preservation Committee and appropriated by the 2006 Annual Town Meeting and 2006 Special Town Meeting for Cary Memorial Building vault climate control and moveable shelving for improved and increased storage. Future requests for Community Preservation Act funding for the conservation and preservation of historic documents and materials will be forthcoming. ■

Statistics

Population: 29,771

Vital Statistics for 2006:

Births 176
Marriages 98
Deaths 294

Licenses:

Dogs 2,134
Raffles 13
Business
Certificates 269
Flammables 33

Special Town Election — Monday, June 5, 2006

Of the 20,076 registered voters, 10,541 or 53% of those eligible cast their vote.

QUESTION 1

Shall the Town of Lexington be allowed to assess an additional \$2,614,509 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of meeting educational goals including preserving 36.15 teacher and staff positions and programs that include elementary Spanish and high school German; fee-free elementary music; integration of computers in the K-8 curriculum; moderating athletic fees; most high school science instruction at six periods per week; help sessions and other instructional duties in high school social studies, mathematics, and foreign language; preschool, secondary and K-12 health and physical education personnel; existing debate travel; moderating elementary school class sizes; and new teacher training for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006?

YES: 5146 NO: 5370 Blanks: 25

QUESTION 2

Shall the Town of Lexington be allowed to assess an additional \$551,607 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of meeting educational goals including restoring textbook and supply budgets; providing needed secondary school classes and moderating secondary school class sizes; funding additional debate travel; and providing for the operation of the high school language lab for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006?

YES: 4975 NO: 5537 Blanks: 29

QUESTION 3

Shall the Town of Lexington be allowed to assess an additional \$1,059,100 in real estate and personal property taxes

for the purposes of funding necessary and appropriate maintenance of municipal and school buildings and properties including a school preventive maintenance program for four new renovated buildings; two additional staff to supervise building maintenance and monitor energy consumption in ten school buildings; three custodians to reduce custodial overtime expenditures; a municipal reserve fund for ongoing building envelope renewal and repair; four fuel-efficient replacement vehicles; restoration of the highway superintendent position to ensure efficient operations; and equipment to maintain the automatic transmissions of the DPW fleet for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006?

YES: 5494 NO: 5013 Blanks: 34

QUESTION 4

Shall the Town of Lexington be allowed to assess an additional \$799,335 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of restoring and preserving municipal services including a Middle School Police Resource Officer; a Human Resources Director; an Information Technology Director; a records management/archives program; training and professional development of staff; updating of Fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) equipment; purchase of a police cruiser; a Police Administrative clerk; Sunday hours of operation at Cary Library; operation of the East Lexington Library; an Economic Development Officer; 10 hours/week of Lexpress transportation operation; an Assistant Conservation Officer; continued scheduled collection of cathode ray tube (CRT) and related electronic refuse (e-waste); 12 weekly curbside yard waste collections; and the tree planting program for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006?

YES: 5327 NO: 5192 Blanks: 22

Elected Town Officials

	Term Expires
BOARD OF SELECTMEN (<i>five members to 3-year terms</i>)	
Jeanne K. Krieger, Chair.	44 Webster Road. 2007
Norman P. Cohen	33 Forest Street #309 2008
Peter C. J. Kelley	24 Forest Street 2009
Hank Manz	14 Ellison Road. 2008
Richard Pagett	10 Oakmount Circle 2007

SCHOOL COMMITTEE (<i>five members to 3-year terms</i>)	
Helen L. Cohen, Chair.	32 Patterson Road. 2009
Thomas R. Diaz.	10 Tower Road 2007
Thomas V. Griffiths	7 Volunteer Way 2008
Olga P. Guttag	273 Emerson Road 2007
Ravi K. Sakhuja.	50 Turning Mill Road 2009

MODERATOR (<i>1-year term</i>)	
Margery M. Battin.	15 Paul Revere Road. . . . 2007

	Term Expires
PLANNING BOARD (<i>five members to 3-year terms</i>)	
Anthony G. Galaitis	7 Burroughs Road. 2008
Charles Hornig	75 Reed Street. 2008
Richard Canale	29 Shade Street 2009
Wendy Manz, Chair.	14 Ellison Road. 2007
Gregory L. Zurlo	42 Woodcliffe Road 2009

LEXINGTON HOUSING AUTHORITY (<i>four elected members and one appointed member to 5-year terms</i>)	
Nicholas Santosuosso, Chair . .	2 Washington Street 2011
Robert N. Cohen, Vice Chair .	10 Grassland Street 2007
Leona W. Martin, Asst. Treasurer	19 Thoreau Road 2007
Leo P. McSweeney, Commissioner	435 Lincoln Street. 2010
Melinda M. Walker, Treasurer.	14 Larchmont Lane. 2009

Town Election – Monday, March 7, 2006

Of the 18,569 registered voters, 7281, or 39% of those eligible, cast their vote.

SELECTMEN

(one for 3 years)

Peter Kelley ³	3663
George Burnell	3319
Write-Ins.	7
Blanks.	292

MODERATOR

(one for 1 year)

Margery Battin ¹	4621
Write-Ins.	33
Blanks.	2627

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

(two for 3 years)

Helen Cohen ³	3680
Ravi Sakhuja ³	3630
Scott Burson	3332
Jesse Segovia	1641
Write-Ins.	18
Blanks.	2261

PLANNING BOARD

(two for 3 years)

Richard Canale ³	3451
Gregory Zurlo ³	2933
Write-Ins.	19
Blanks.	8159

HOUSING AUTHORITY

(one for 5 years)

Nicholas Santosuosso ⁵	3809
Write-Ins.	12
Blanks.	3460

TOWN MEETING — PRECINCT 1

(seven for 3 years)

Joel Adler ³	293
Mary Ann Stewart ³	288
Judith Zabin ³	283
Jean Cole ³	277
Ann Redmon ³	265
Joseph Rancatore ³	262
Scott Maloney ³	193
Loretta Moresco	192
Maria-Elena Kistorizos	160
Markus Pinney	122
All Others.	5
Blanks.	2033

TOWN MEETING — PRECINCT 2

(seven for 3 years)

Marian Cohen ³	431
James Wilson ³	409
Donald Wilson ³	396
Kenneth Kreutziger ³	367
Douglas Lucente ³	337
Michael O'Sullivan ³	328
Stevem Kropper ³	321
John Sackton	314
Thomas Taylor	296
J. Eugene Beauchemin.	273
Kenneth Shine.	187
All Others.	2
Blanks.	2632

TOWN MEETING — PRECINCT 3

(seven for 3 years)

Samuel Berman ³	362
Robert Rotberg ³	350
Darwin Adams ³	340
Richard Neumeier ³	305
Reid Zurlo ³	295
Nancy Bryant ³	279
Robert Copp ³	244
Judith Uhrig	57
John Carroll	1
All Others.	0
Blanks.	2114

TOWN MEETING — PRECINCT 4

(seven for 3 years; two for 1 year)

Jill Hai ³	470
Peter Enrich ³	455
Barrie Peltz ³	422
Gloria Bloom ³	413
Gerald Paul ³	406
David Harris ³	398
Ellen McDonald ³	398
Martha Daileanes-Sevigny ¹	362
John Krawczyk ¹	164
Laura Kole	5
Joan Zahka	3
Jerome Smith	2
All Others.	15
Blanks.	4515

TOWN MEETING — PRECINCT 5

(seven for 3 years)

Elaine Dratch ³	411
Olga Gutttag ³	374
Ann Kelly ³	370
James Lowry ³	348
Sam Silverman ³	327
Ana Flaster ³	317
Jed Snyder ³	290
Todd Cataldo	288
David Burns	284
Dana Regillo.	265
All Others.	10
Blanks.	2561

TOWN MEETING — PRECINCT 6

(seven for 3 years)

Ann Kane ³	576
Edmund Grant ³	537
Sheila Watson ³	510
Jane Pagett ³	479
Edith Sandy ³	475
Bebe Fallick ³	459
Sheldon Spector ³	434
Eric Carlson ^{*1}	420
All Others.	7
Blanks.	3117

TOWN MEETING — PRECINCT 7

(seven for 3 years)

Sheryl Mahoney ³	436
Marsha Baker ³	422
James Wood ³	397
Fred Martin ³	392
William Leavitt ³	353
Alan Wrigley ³	331

Keith Hoffman ³	315
Ann Gilbert.	314
Steven Colman	309
Philip Hamilton	6
All Others.	9
Blanks.	3023

TOWN MEETING — PRECINCT 8

(seven for 3 years; one for 1 year)

Richard Battin ³	419
Carolyn Tiffany ³	378
Ingrid Klimoff ³	366
Larry Belvin ³	359
William Herring ³	351
Shirley Stolz ³	341
Jessica Steigerwald ³	172
Lorraine Fournier ¹	25
Sally Neale	19
Richard Baughman	4
Janet Athens	3
Brian Galloway.	3
Stephen Tripi	3
All Others.	15
Blanks.	3065

TOWN MEETING — PRECINCT 9

(seven for 3 years; one for 1 year)

Helen Cohen ³	373
William Kennedy ³	370
Richard Canale ³	365
Janet Perry ³	339
Fred Rosenberg ³	328
Narain Bhatia ³	302
Mollie Garberg ³	287
Francine Stieglitz ¹	282
Susan Elberger ^{**}	276
Jesse Segovia ^{***}	256
Michael Schroeder	133
All Others.	9
Blanks.	2426

*A Precinct 6 vacancy occurred when Marshall Derby resigned as a Town Meeting Member effective October 4, 2006. It was filled until March 2007 by Eric Carlson, who received the highest number of votes as a defeated candidate for Town Meeting from Precinct 6.

**A Precinct 9 vacancy occurred when Anthony Close resigned as a Town Meeting Member effective April 7, 2006. It was filled until March 2007 by Susan Elberger, who received the highest number of votes as a defeated candidate for Town Meeting from Precinct 9.

***A Precinct 9 vacancy occurred when Susan Elberger resigned as a Town Meeting Member effective September 25, 2006. It was filled until March 2007 by Jesse Segovia, who received the highest number of votes as a defeated candidate for Town Meeting from Precinct 9.

¹elected for 1 year ³elected for 3 years
²elected for 2 years ⁵elected for 5 years

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QUESTION #1: COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT

Shall the Town of Lexington accept Sections 3 to 7, inclusive, of Chapter 44B of the General Laws, as approved by its legislative body, a summary of which appears below?

Sections 3 to 7 of Chapter 44B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, also known as the Community Preservation Act (the "CPA"), allow communities to establish a dedicated funding source, and to receive state matching funds, with which to (1) acquire, create, and preserve open space; (2) acquire, preserve, rehabilitate, and restore historic buildings and sites; (3) create, preserve, and support affordable housing; and (4) acquire, create, and preserve land for recreational use. The dedicated funds may also be used to rehabilitate and restore open space, affordable housing, and recreational land acquired or created under the CPA. At least 10% of the annual CPA revenues must be used or reserved for each of the following CPA purposes: (a) open space, (b) historic buildings and sites, and (c) affordable housing. All other annual CPA revenues may be used or reserved for any of the CPA purposes described above.

As approved by the 2005 Annual Town Meeting, the local funding source for Lexington will be a surcharge of 3% on the annual property tax on real property, commencing in fiscal year 2007, which runs from July 1, 2006 to June 20, 2007. In addition, the CPA creates a state trust fund from which the Town will receive annual distributions of up to 100% of the amounts raised locally by the CPA surcharge. These state funds are only available to communities that have accepted the CPA. The funding source for the state trust fund is certain filing fees as registers of deeds.

As approved by the 2005 Annual Town Meeting, the following property will be exempt from the CPA surcharge: (1) \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property; and (2) property owned and occupied as a domicile by any person who qualifies for low income housing or low or moderate income senior housing in the Town, as defined by Section 2 of the CPA. Any other taxpayer receiving an exemption on real property taxes authorized by Chapter 59 of the General Laws shall receive a pro rata reduction of the surcharge.

A Community Preservation Committee composed of nine local citizens will study the community preservation needs of the Town, consult with citizens and town committees and make recommendations on the use of the CPA revenues. All expenditures of CPA funds will be subject to the approval of Town Meeting. ■

YES	313	589	402	545	418	592	532	481	370	4242
NO	254	257	180	282	345	348	306	252	270	2494
Blanks	58	53	39	65	72	62	63	56	77	545

State Primary — Tuesday, September 19, 2006

Of the 19,855 registered voters 38% of those eligible cast their vote, with 418 voting the Republican ballot and 7114 voting the Democratic ballot.

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

SENATOR IN CONGRESS... TOTAL
EDWARD M. KENNEDY 5966

ALL OTHERS 77
BLANKS 1071

GOVERNOR

CHRISTOPHER F. GABRIELI 1628
DEVAL L. PATRICK 4681
THOMAS F. REILLY 784
ALL OTHERS 4
BLANKS 17

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

DEBORAH B. GOLDBERG 2029
TIMOTHY P. MURRAY 2158
ANDREA C. SILBERT 2086
ALL OTHERS 6
BLANKS 835

ATTORNEY GENERAL

MARTHA COAKLEY 5225
ALL OTHERS 24
BLANKS 1865

SECRETARY OF STATE

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN 4576
JOHN BONIFAZ 1082
ALL OTHERS 9
BLANKS 1447

TREASURER

TIMOTHY P. CAHILL 4518
ALL OTHERS 12
BLANKS 2584

AUDITOR

A. JOSEPH DENUCCI 4227
ALL OTHERS 15
BLANKS 2872

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS – SEVENTH DISTRICT

EDWARD J. MARKEY 5488
ALL OTHERS 16
BLANKS 1590

COUNCILLOR – SIXTH DISTRICT PCTS 1,2,4,5-7

MICHAEL J. CALLAHAN 2545
ALL OTHERS 6
BLANKS 2349

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**COUNCILLOR – THIRD DISTRICT
PCTS 3,8,9**

MARILYN M. PETITTO	
DEVANEY	1142
ALL OTHERS	5
BLANKS	1067

**SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT –
FOURTH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT PCTS
1,2,4,5-7**

ROBERT H. HAVERN, III	2688
JOANNA GONSALVES	1152
ALL OTHERS	4
BLANKS	1056

**SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT- THIRD
MIDDLESEX DISTRICT PCTS 3,8,9**

SUSAN C. FARGO	1547
ALL OTHERS	6
BLANKS	661

**REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL
COURT – NINTH MIDDLESEX DIS-
TRICT PCTS 2,3,4**

THOMAS M. STANLEY	1619
ALL OTHERS	7
BLANKS	998

**REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL
COURT – FIFTEENTH MIDDLESEX
DISTRICT PCTS 1,5-7,8,9**

JAY R. KAUFMAN	3588
ALL OTHERS	18

BLANKS	894
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**DISTRICT ATTORNEY –NORTHERN
DISTRICT**

GERARD T. LEONE, JR	3801
ALL OTHERS	11
BLANKS	3302

**CLERK OF COURTS – MIDDLESEX
COUNTY**

BRUCE M. DESMOND	1106
MICHAEL A. SULLIVAN	3446
ALL OTHERS	5
BLANKS	2557

**REGISTER OF DEEDS – MIDDLESEX
SOUTHERN DISTRICT**

EUGENE C. BRUNE	3817
ALL OTHERS	7
BLANKS	3290

REPUBLICAN PARTY

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

KENNETH G. CHASE	248
KEVIN P. SCOTT	118
ALL OTHERS	1
BLANKS	51

GOVERNOR

KERRY HEALEY	371
ALL OTHERS	7
BLANKS	40

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

REED V. HILLMAN	318
Deborah Goldberg	1
Andrea Silbert	1
ALL OTHERS	3
BLANKS	95

ATTORNEY GENERAL

LARRY FRISOLI	314
ALL OTHERS	3
BLANKS	101

**COUNCILLOR - SIX DISTRICT PCTS
1,2,4,5-7**

WILLIAM JOHN BARABINO	173
ALL OTHERS	0
BLANKS	108

**SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT –
THIRD MIDDLESEX DISTRICT
PCTS 3,8,9**

SANDRA B. MARTINEZ	83
ALL OTHERS	0
BLANKS	54

Moderator

ROLE: To preside over Town Meeting and appoint members of the Appropriation Committee, Capital Expenditures Committee, the Cary Lecture Series are Lexington's representative on the Minuteman Regional School Committee.

ELECTED by the voters at large for a 1-year term: Margery Battin.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Worked with Town Meeting members, boards, and committees to improve the Town Meeting process. The quality of Lexington's citizen participation is unparalleled; the dedication of its staff unequalled. Patience and a sense of humor prevailed.
- Continued the following practices:
 - Held a pre-Town Meeting planning session with article sponsors, Town Counsel, Town Clerk, and Finance Committee Chairs to review timing and procedural matters and anticipate scheduling difficulties, audio-visual requirements, probable amendments, and potential areas of disagreement.
 - Held a 2-hour workshop for new Town Meeting members, Town Counsel, Appropriation, Capital Expenditures, Planning Board, and Town Meeting Members Association chairs to answer questions, clarify financial and planning terms and concepts, and explain legal issues and parliamentary procedures.
- Sent written instructions to the sponsors of citizen articles to aid them in preparing for Town Meeting.
- Wrote a newspaper article explaining the protocol regarding citizen participation.
- Held a post-Town Meeting critique that identified measures for improving procedures and developing a process to help citizen warrant article sponsors prepare and present their proposals to Town Meeting.
- Served as a Director of the Massachusetts Moderators Association. ■

State Election — Tuesday, November 7, 2006

Of the 20,155 registered voters 14,146, or 78% of those eligible, cast their vote.

Election Results

SENATOR IN CONGRESS . . . TOTAL
EDWARD M. KENNEDY (D) . . . 10326
KENNETH G. CHASE (R) 3362
ALL OTHERS 21
BLANKS 437

GOVERNOR

HEALY and HILLMAN (R) 4063
PATRICK and MURRAY (D) 9097
MIHOS and SULLIVAN (I) 587
ROSS and ROBINSON (G-R) 304
ALL OTHERS 11
BLANKS 84
ATTORNEY GENERAL
MARTHA COAKLEY (D) 10292
LARRY FRISOLI (R) 3185
ALL OTHERS 7
BLANKS 662

SECRETARY OF STATE

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN (D) 7938
JILL E. STEIN (G-R) 4748
ALL OTHERS 27
BLANKS 1433

TREASURER

TIMOTHY P. CAHILL (D) 9596
JAMES O'KEEFE (G-R) 2315
ALL OTHERS 28
BLANKS 2207

AUDITOR

A. JOSEPH DENUCCI (D) 9603
RAND WILSON (W) 1856
ALL OTHERS 14
BLANKS 2673

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS – SEVENTH DISTRICT

EDWARD J. MARKEY (D) 10772
ALL OTHERS 135
BLANKS 3239

COUNCILLOR – SIXTH DISTRICT – Pcts 1,2,4,5-7

MICHAEL J. CALLAHAN (D) . . . 5037
WILLIAM JOHN BARABINO (R) . 1749
ROSEMARY A. MACERO (I) . . . 491
TED SARANDIS (I) 547
ALL OTHERS 3
BLANKS 1787

COUNCILLOR - THIRD DISTRICT - Pcts 3,8,9

MARILYN M. PETITTO
DEVANEY (D) 2745
ALL OTHERS 21
BLANKS 1766

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT – FOURTH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT – Pcts 1,2,4,5-7

ROBERT H. HAVERN, III (D) . . . 6685
ALL OTHERS 52
BLANKS 2877

SENATOR IN GENRAL COURT – THIRD MIDDLESEX DISTRICT – Pcts 3,8,9

SUSAN C. FARGO (D) 2950
SANDRA B. MARTINEZ (R) . . . 1213
ALL OTHERS 4
BLANKS 365

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT – NINTH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT – Pcts 2,3,4

THOMAS M. STANLEY (D) 3361
ALL OTHERS 32
BLANKS 1467

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT – FIFTEENTH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT – Pcts 1,5-7,8,9

JAY R. KAUFMAN (D) 6920
ALL OTHERS 54
BLANKS 2312

DISTRICT ATTORNEY - NORTHERN DISTRICT

GERARD T. LEONE, JR (D) 8965
ALL OTHERS 56
BLANKS 5125

CLERK OF COURTS – MIDDLESEX COUNTY

MICHAEL A. SULLIVAN (D) 9141
ALL OTHERS 49
BLANKS 4956

REGISTER OF DEEDS – MIDDLESEX SOUTHERN DISTRICT

EUGENE C. BRUNE (D) 8410
ALL OTHERS 38
BLANKS 5968

QUESTION #1 – Sale of Wine by Food Stores Law Proposed by Initiative Petition

YES: 6619 NO: 6918 BLANKS: 609

QUESTION #2 – Nomination of Candidates for Public Office Law Proposed by Initiative Petition

YES: 4596 NO: 8101 BLANKS: 1449

QUESTION #3 - Family Child Care Providers Law Proposed by Initiative Petition

YES: 6175 NO: 6418 BLANKS: 1553

QUESTION #4 – 3rd Middlesex Senate District (Pcts 3,8,9) This question is not binding.

Shall the state senator from this district be instructed to vote in favor of legislation that would allow seriously ill patients, with their doctor's written recommendation, to possess and grow small amounts of marijuana for their personal medical use?

YES: 2859 NO: 1148 BLANKS: 525

QUESTION #4 - (Pcts 1,2,4,5,6,7) QUESTION #5 - (Pcts 3,8,9) 9th & 15th Middlesex Representative Districts This question is not binding.

Shall the state representative from this district be instructed to vote in favor of a resolution calling upon the President and Congress of the United States to end the war in Iraq immediately and bring all United States military forces home from Iraq?

YES: 7649 NO: 4676 BLANKS: 1821

Town Meeting Members

TOWN MEETING MEMBERS

AT LARGE

Margery Battin 15 Paul Revere Road
Norman Cohen 33 Forest Street
Donna Hooper 14 Lois Lane
Jay Kaufman 1 Childs Road
Peter Kelley 24 Forest Street
Jeanne Krieger 44 Webster Road
William Lahey 22 Fair Oaks Drive
Hank Manz 14 Ellison Road
Richard Pagett 10 Oakmount Circle

PRECINCT 1

Term Expires 2007

John Breen 8 Crescent Hill Avenue
Jonathan Cole 23 Whipple Road
Iang Jeon 7 Litchfield Road
Lillian MacArthur 42 Emerson Gardens
Eric Michelson 45 Circle Road
Carol Sampson 8 Brandon Street
Barry Sampson 8 Brandon Street

Term Expires 2008

Nancy Adler 22 Village Circle
James Barry 10 Crescent Hill Avenue
John Bartenstein 46 Sanderson Road
Ellen Basch 2 South Rindge Avenue
Mary Bowes 32 Arcola Street
John Rossi 40 Arcola Street
Albert Zabin 1 Page Road

Term Expires 2009

Joel Adler 22 Village Circle
Jean Cole 23 Whipple Road
Scott Maloney 251 Massachusetts Avenue
Joseph Rancatore 21 Wheeler Road
Ann Redmon 7 Maple Street
Mary Ann Stewart 24 Rawson Avenue
Judith Zabin 1 Page Road

PRECINCT 2

Term Expires 2007

Alessandro Alessandrini 488 Massachusetts Avenue
James Avery 8 Daniels Street
Thomas Diaz 10 Tower Road
Karen Dooks 5 Mohawk Drive
Andrew McAleer 121 Follen Road
Barry Orenstein 132 Follen Road
Betsey Weiss 8 Dover Lane

Term Expires 2008

Judith Boxer 33 Philip Road
Robert Cunha 10 Stevens Road
Robin DiGiammarino 2 Sunset Ridge
Paul Lapointe 224 Follen Road
Daniel Lucas 3 Tower Road
Jill Stein 17 Trotting Horse Drive
Christina Welch 41 Locust Avenue

Term Expires 2009

Marian Cohen 8 Plymouth Road
Kenneth Kreutziger 14 Tower Road
Steven Kropper 48 Pleasant Street
Douglas Lucente 8 Great Rock Road
Michael O'Sullivan 12 Aerial Street
Donald Wilson 36 Fern Street
James Wilson 43 Locust Avenue

PRECINCT 3

Term Expires 2007

Nancy Cannalunga 942 Waltham Street
Benjamin Cohen 87 Bridge Street
Sherry Gordon 7 Stedman Road
Patrick Mehr 31 Woodcliffe Road
Alexander Nedzel 4 Chadbourne Road
Richard Stephenson 98 Spring Street
Loren Wood 14 Benjamin Road

Term Expires 2008

Bonnie Brodner 8 Trodden Path
Nicholas Cannalunga 942 Waltham Street
Dan Fenn, Jr. 59 Potter Pond
Steven Heinrich 11 Potter Pond
Gloria Holland 3 April Lane
Arthur Katz 18 Barberry Road
Robert Whitman 1010 Waltham Street

Term Expires 2009

Darwin Adams 8 Field Road
Samuel Berman 11 Barberry Road
Nancy Bryant 56 Blossomcrest Road
Robert Copp 95 Bridge Street
Richard Neumeier 2 Pitcairn Place
Robert Rotberg 14 Barberry Road
Reid Zurlo 42 Woodcliffe Road

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PRECINCT 4

Term Expires 2007

Nyles Barnert 142 Worthen Road
Scott Burson 58 Sherburne Road S.
Martha Daileanes-Sevigny 85 Kendall Road
Charles Lamb 55 Baskin Road
John Rosenberg 64 Bloomfield Street
Sandra Shaw 51 Wachusett Drive

Term Expires 2008

Lisa Baci 18 Fair Oaks Terrace
Timothy Counihan 27 Percy Road
John Davies 18 Prospect Hill Road
Beverly Kelley 24 Forest Street
Nicholas Santosuosso 2 Washington Street
Ruth Thomas 10 Parker Street
Steven Turner 260 Marrett Road

Term Expires 2009

Gloria Bloom 17 Loring Road
Peter Enrich 35 Clarke Street
Jill Hai 6 Highland Avenue
David Harris 5 A Eliot Road
Ellen McDonald 50 Bridge Street
Gerald Paul 43 Highland Avenue
Barrie Peltz 8 Jackson Court

PRECINCT 5

Term Expires 2007

Irene Dondley 22 Leonard Road
Andrew Friedlich 22 Young Street
Paul Hamburger 18 Cooke Road
Carol Liff 19 Douglas Road
Jerold Michelson 3 Clyde Place
M. Masha Traber 106 Maple Street
Charles Vail 66 Woburn Street

Term Expires 2008

Paul Barnes 500 Lowell Street
Marjorie Daggett 9 Burroughs Road
Anthony Galaitsis 7 Burroughs Road
John Hayward 358 Woburn Street
Loretta Porter 24 Fletcher Avenue
Ephraim Weiss 462 Lowell Street
David Williams 1433 Massachusetts Avenue

Term Expires 2009

Elaine Dratch 2 Maureen Road
Ana Flaster 4 Fairfield Drive
Olga Guttag 273 Emerson Road
Ann Kelly 6 Brookwood Road
James Lowry 21 Rumford Road
Sam Silverman 18 Ingleside Road
Jed Snyder 482 Lowell Street

PRECINCT 6

Term Expires 2007

Florence Baturin 11 Alcott Road
Eric Carlson 83 East Street
Paul Chernick 14 Somerset Road
Trisha Kennealy 4 Brent Road
Alan Lazarus 22 Woodland Road
Dawn McKenna 9 Hancock Street
Frank Sandy 353 N Emerson Road
Deborah Strod 10 Thoreau Road

Term Expires 2008

Jonathan Himmel 66 Hancock Street
Morton Kahan 44 Hancock Street
David Kaufman 152 Burlington Street
Gerald Lacey 18 Meriam Street
Laura Mahoney 119 Burlington Street
Ronald Pawliczek 25 Flintlock Road

Term Expires 2009

Bebe Fallick 4 Diehl Road
Edmund Grant 27 Grove Street
Ann Kane 24 Adams Street
Jane Pagett 10 Oakmount Circle
Edith Sandy 353 N Emerson Road
Sheldon Spector 26 Suzanne Road
Sheila Watson 12 Oakland Street

PRECINCT 7

Term Expires 2007

George Burnell 4 Eaton Road
Patricia Costello 9 Preston Road
Margaret Count-Klebe 94 Winter Street
Catherine Gill 43 Bertwell Road
Sheryl Mason 33 Robinson Road
Joyce Miller 23 Fifer Lane
Jane Trudeau 7 Volunteer Way

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Term Expires 2008

Deborah Brown 47 Robinson Road
James Courtemanche 88 Winter Street
Thomas Griffiths 7 Volunteer Way
Pam Hoffman 4 Rangeway
Robert Peters 43 Fifer Lane
Ravi Sakhuja 50 Turning Mill Road
Martha Wood 51 Gleason Road

Term Expires 2009

Marsha Baker 46 Burlington Street
Keith Hoffman 4 Wright Street
William Leavitt 180 Grove Street
Sheryl Mahoney 65 Blake Road
Fred Martin 29 Dewey Road
James Wood, Jr. 51 Gleason Road
Alan Wrigley 205 Grove Street

PRECINCT 8

Term Expires 2007

Elizabeth Bryant 18 Liberty Avenue
John Cunha 11 Homestead Street
Diana Garcia 3 Gerard Terrace
Thomas Harden 32 Hill Street
David Horton 68 Paul Revere Road
Alan Levine 54 Reed Street
Melinda Walker 14 Larchmont Lane

Term Expires 2008

Roger Borghesani 24 Hastings Road
Margaret Bradley 48 Bellflower Street
Charles Hornig 75 Reed Street
Stewart Kennedy 38 Liberty Avenue
Richard Michelson 54 Asbury Street
Charles Moore, Jr. 87 Cedar Street
James Osten 8 Revere Street

Term Expires 2009

Richard Battin 15 Paul Revere Road
Larry Belvin 10 Denver Street
William Herring 20 Ward Street
Ingrid Klimoff 75 Reed Street
Jessica Steigerwald 17 Hamblen Street
Shirley Stolz 2139 Massachusetts Avenue
Carolyn Tiffany 109 Reed Street

PRECINCT 9

Term Expires 2007

Victoria Blier 41 Shade Street
Rodney Cole 80 School Street
Margaret Coppe 12 Barrymeade Drive
Thomas Fenn 15 Shade Street
Anne LoRusso 200 Lincoln Street
Jesse Segovia 7 Pheasant Lane
Francine Stieglitz 3 Amherst Street

Term Expires 2008

Alice Adler 10 Nickerson Road
Mary Donahue 3 Crosby Road
Emily Donovan 110 Wood Street
Janice Kennedy 135 Wood Street
Wendy Manz 14 Ellison Road
John Mazerall 40 Wood Street
Leo McSweeney 435 Lincoln Street

Term Expires 2009

Narain Bhatia 8 Nickerson Road
Richard Canale 29 Shade Street
Helen Cohen 32 Patterson Road
Mollie Garberg 16 Cary Avenue
William Kennedy 135 Wood Street
Janet Perry 16 Ellison Road
Fred Rosenberg 76 Wood Street

Town Meeting Members Association (TMMA)

ROLE: To inform Town Meeting Members in advance on all warrant articles, meeting procedures, and matters of town governance; to act as an interface between Town Meeting and the municipal government, the Board of Selectmen, School Committee, and other town committees; to represent the members of Town Meeting when the Meeting is not in session; and to improve Town Meeting procedures and processes.

MEMBERSHIP: All Town Meeting Members are automatically members of the Association. At the first information meeting, precincts meet individually and elect their Precinct Chair, Clerk, and Vice Chair officers. Those precinct officers become the TMMA Executive Committee, which serves for one year. At the annual meeting of the Association, the members elect TMMA officers, who are limited to terms of no more than two consecutive years, except for the Communications Officer. The Executive Committee meets the second Wednesday of each month, except when Town Meeting is in session and in July and August. The monthly meetings are open to all.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Reviewed and discussed:
 - Financial summit meetings on the 2007 budget
 - Budget projections for FY08; funding for the new DPW building
 - Requests coming to the Community Preservation Committee for Community Preservation Act funds
 - Rules governing use of TMMA email and privacy of personal information of members
- Published TMMA Warrant Information Reports on all articles coming before each of the three Town Meetings so

2006–2007 Executive Committee

Officers	Chair:	Gloria Bloom
	Vice-Chair:	David Horton
	Treasurer:	Alessandro Alessandrini
	Clerk:	Darwin Adams
	Communications:	David Kaufman

Prct.	Chair	Clerk	Associate
1	Jonathan Cole	Ellen Basch	Barry Sampson
2	Jill Stein	Robin DiGiammarino	Barry Orenstein
3	Reid Zurlo	Bonnie Brodner	Alexander Nedzel
4	Steve Turner	Martha Daileanes- Seigny	John Rosenberg
5	Andy Friedlich	Eph Weiss	Jerold Michelson
6	Edith Sandy	Alan Lazarus	Ann Kane
7	Marsha Baker	Sheryl Mahoney	James Courtemanche
8	James Osten	Melinda Walker	Jessica Steigerwald
9	Thomas Fenn	Victoria Blier	Mollie Garberg

Town Meeting members could better understand the issues.

- Held the TMMA bus tour to view sites affected by warrant articles.
- Sponsored three warrant information sessions before spring Town Meeting and one session before the two fall Special Town Meetings to familiarize members with the warrant and to give sponsors feedback on likely questions and additional information needed concerning their articles.
- Provided timely information on the TMMA Website, including Executive Committee minutes, various committee reports, and access to TMMA e-mail archives (<http://lexingtontmma.org>).
- Recognized the contributions of two Town Meeting Members who have served in Town Meeting for 30 years, joining the 17 from the previous year.
- Recognized and celebrated Richard Battin's 50th year as a Town Meeting Member. ■

Town Meeting

Abridged from the complete text on file in the Town Clerk's office.

Town Meeting was held in Cary Memorial Building on March 27 and 29, April 5, 10, 24, and 26, Moderator Margery M. Battin presiding.

In the first session, The Lexington Minutemen, accompanied by the William Diamond Fife and Drum Corps, posted the colors. Former Moderator Robert Kent presented an abbreviated rendition of his 1976 presentation to Town Meeting.

The Moderator honored deceased Town Meeting members Stanley Toye, Keith Butters, Edith Cheever, Donald Chisholm, Martin White, and Charles Durkin.

In subsequent sessions, the Town Meeting Members Association recognized members with more than 30 years of service, with special recognition of member Richard Battin for his 50 years of continuous service; High School Principal Michael Jones and State Representative Jay Kaufman recognized High School honors students, and Kaufman presented the recently awarded League of Women Voters Unsung Hero award to Angela "Jere" Frick.

Article Action Summary

Art. 1: Annual Town Election: See page XX.

Art. 2: Reports of Town Boards, Officers, Committees

Reports relating to articles under consideration and other town matters were presented at appropriate times.

Art. 3: Appointments to Cary Lecture Series

Adopted March 27. Moderator to appoint a committee to run the Cary Lecture Series, under the wills of Eliza Cary Farnham and Suzanna E. Cary for the current year.

Art. 4: Zoning By-Law, Inclusionary Zoning

Indefinitely postponed March 27. Intended to ensure that residential developments authorized by special permit would contribute to affordable housing supply.

Art. 5: Zoning By-Law, Impervious Surface

Part 1 *adopted March 29.* Adjusts impervious surface ratios in certain areas.

Part 2 *not adopted March 29.*

Art. 6: Zoning By-Law, Parking in CB District

Adopted March 27. Adjusts parking regulations in CB districts.

Art. 7: Zoning By-Law, Amend CD-7 to CD-13,727 Marrett Road

Starwood Hotels & Resort.

Adopted April 5.

Art. 8: Resolution for Scenic Byway

Adopted March 27. Petitioned State to declare Battle Road a Scenic Byway.

Art. 9: Vine Street – Abandon Sewer Easement, Vine Street

Adopted March 27

Art. 10: Amend Non-Criminal Disposition By-Law

Adopted March 27. Set fines for violations of Department of Public Works regulations pertaining to street openings.

Art. 11: Amend Referendum Provisions

Adopted March 27. Amends Representative Town Meeting Act to allow Selectmen to call a special election, if petitioned, 'forthwith' instead of specified number of days.

Art. 12: Mutual Aid among Public Health Agencies

Adopted March 27. Board of Health authorized to join other municipalities to share public health resources in unusual circumstances.

Art. 13: Accept State Law Governing Fire Sprinklers

Indefinitely postponed March 27. Would have required hotels/motels accommodating six or more guests to install fire sprinklers.

Art. 14: Amend General By-Laws – Unauthorized Vehicles

Adopted March 27. Set fines for unauthorized parking in fire lanes on private property and in handicapped parking spaces.

Art. 15: Energy Committee

Part 1 *Adopted April 5.* Resolution to have the established committee to make recommendations concerning energy use in all public buildings.

Part 2 *Not Adopted April 5.* Establishment of an adhoc institutional task force not supported.

Art. 16: Amend Noise By-Law

Not Adopted March 29. Would have provided for Selectmen review of special permits.

Art. 17: Operating Budget

Adopted April 24. Provides monies for all town departments, amounts to be raised from the tax levy except as noted. Numbers in the left-hand column refer to line items.

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		FY 2007 Budget	Additional Appropriation, Contingent on Override Vote	FY 2007 Contingency Budget (Informational Purposes Only)
EDUCATION				
1100	Lexington Public Schools <i>(The School Department is authorized to enter into equipment lease/purchase agreements from time to time provided that each such agreement is subject to annual appropriations.)</i>	61,655,492	3,774,986 ¹	65,430,478
1200	Minuteman Regional School	1,024,817		1,024,817
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS				
2110	Contributory Retirement	3,342,331		3,342,331
2120	Non-contributory Retirement	62,000		62,000
2130	Group Insurance	18,127,285	185,330 ²	18,312,615
2140	Unemployment	70,000		70,000
2150	Workers Compensation*	190,000		190,000
2160	Property & Liability Insurance	625,335		625,335
2170	Uninsured Losses*	35,000		35,000
DEBT SERVICE				
2210	Payment on Funded Debt	2,837,006		2,837,006
2220	Interest on Funded Debt	634,097		634,097
2230	Temporary Borrowing	248,958		248,958
OPERATING ARTICLES				
2300	Reserve Fund	400,000		400,000
COMMUNITY SERVICES				
3100-3500	DPW Personnel	3,097,036	57,500 ³	3,154,536
3100-3500	DPW Expenses	4,582,226	211,000 ⁴	4,793,226
3600	Transportation Personnel	125,305		125,305
3600	Transportation Expenses	322,182	50,000 ⁵	372,182
PUBLIC SAFETY				
4100	Law Enforcement Personnel	4,074,149	74,317 ⁶	4,148,466
4100	Law Enforcement Expenses	415,989	47,000 ⁷	462,989
4200	Fire/Medical Personnel	4,090,640		4,090,640
4200	Fire/Medical Expenses	403,311	44,812 ⁸	448,123
CULTURE AND RECREATION				
5100	Library Personnel	1,462,728	100,577 ⁹	1,563,305
5100	Library Expenses	447,567	19,423 ¹⁰	466,990
SOCIAL SERVICES				
6100-6200	Social Services Personnel	369,216		369,216
6100-6200	Social Services Expenses	277,800	9,125 ¹¹	286,925
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT				
7100	Community Development Personnel	694,454	44,260 ¹²	738,714
7100	Community Development Expenses	60,019		60,019
7200	Planning Personnel	204,032		204,032
7200	Planning Expenses	8,450		8,450
7300	Economic Development Personnel	36,699	58,500 ¹³	95,199
7300	Economic Development Expenses	69,643		69,643

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

8110	Selectmen Personnel	62,681		62,681
8110	Selectmen Expenses	69,150		69,150
8120	Legal Services	350,000		350,000
8130	Town Report	6,500		6,500
8200	Town Manager			
8210-8220	Town Manager Personnel	403,042	67,500 ¹⁴	470,542
8210-8220	Town Manager Expenses	130,067	26,000 ¹⁵	156,067
8230	Salary Transfer Account*	241,903		241,903

(As authorized by the Town Manager with approval of the Board of Selectmen)

TOWN COMMITTEES

8310	Finance Committees	1,500		1,500
8320	Misc. Boards and Committees	8,755		8,755
8330	Public Celebration Committee	28,500		28,500

FINANCE

8400	Finance Personal Services	953,502		953,502
8400	Finance Expenses	253,579	11,121 ¹⁶	264,700

TOWN CLERK

8500	Town Clerk Personnel	271,791	20,000 ¹⁷	291,791
8500	Town Clerk Expenses	72,625	1,000 ¹⁸	73,625

MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SERVICES

8600	MIS Personnel	108,371	72,100 ¹⁹	180,471
8600	MIS Expenses	279,050		279,050

and that the Town transfer the following sums to meet, in part, appropriations made at this Town Meeting:

\$340,000 from the Parking Meter Fund for line items 3100-3500, 3600, and 4100;

\$100,000 from the Cemetery Trust Fund for line items 3100-3500;

\$23,000 from Receipts Reserved for Appropriations for line item 3600;

\$2,000,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance/Free Cash;

\$918,613 from the Water Enterprise Fund;

\$774,300 from the Sewer Enterprise Fund;

and \$134,400 from the Recreation Enterprise Fund.

Items marked with an (*) are Continuing Balance Accounts.

Supplemental Information:

The \$4,891,751 of contingent appropriations contained within this motion are to be divided in the following manner:

1	\$3,774,986 Lexington Public Schools for basic, enhanced, and preventative maintenance services
2	\$202,530 related employee benefits costs
3	\$57,500 Highway Superintendent
4	\$211,000 cathode ray tube recycling program, yard waste pick-up program, building maintenance services and programs, equipment and tree planting
5	\$50,000 Lexpress transportation services
6	\$74,317 Police administrative personnel and officers
7	\$47,000 Police equipment and materials

8	\$44,812 Fire equipment and materials
9/10	\$120,000 Library services and hours
11	\$9,125 Social Services programs and materials
12	\$44,260 Conservation and inspectional personnel
13	\$58,500 Economic Development personnel
14	\$67,500 Human Resources personnel
15	\$26,000 Organizational Training and Committee Support
16	\$11,121 Finance programs/audit support
17	\$20,000 Archival/records management personnel
18	\$1,000 Town Clerk programs
19	\$72,100 Management Information Services personnel

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Art. 18: Appropriate FY2007 Enterprise Funds

Adopted April 24.

Water Division

Salaries	\$ 580,799
Expenses	716,835
MWRA Assessment	4,341,830
Debt Service (non-exempt)	398,671
Total	\$6,038,135

Selectmen authorized to transfer \$918,613 from the water enterprise fund to the general fund for indirect water expenses appropriated in the general fund. Said sum to be funded from water receipts.

Sewer Division

Salaries	\$ 241,161
Expenses	478,972
MWRA Assessment	5,782,838
Debt Service (non-exempt)	351,643
Total	\$6,854,614

Selectmen authorized to transfer \$774,300 from sewer enterprise fund to the general fund for indirect wastewater expenses appropriated in the general fund. Said sum to be funded from sewer receipts.

Recreation Department

Salaries	\$ 558,526
Expenses	899,978
Debt Service (non-exempt)	168,000
Total	\$1,626,504

Selectmen authorized to transfer \$234,400 from recreation enterprise fund to the general fund for indirect recreation expenses appropriated in the general fund. Said sum to be funded from recreation receipts.

Art. 19: Approve Senior Tax Relief

Adopted April 24. For FY07, the maximum tax exemption allowed under state law be increased to \$1,000.

Art. 20: Establish Property Tax Deferral Interest Rate

Adopted April 24. Regarding interest rate for property owners in tax deferral and recovery agreements.

Art. 21: Rescind Town's Acceptance of State's Property Tax Work-Off Program for Low-Income Seniors.

Adopted April 24. Previously adopted State program to be replaced with a town-specific program.

Art. 22: Appropriate for Senior Service Program \$25,000

Adopted April 24. From the tax levy.

Revolving Fund	Authority to Spend	Revenue Source	Use of Fund	FY2007 Budget
DPW burial containers	Public Works Director	Sale of grave boxes	Program expenses and burial vaults	\$33,000
DPW compost operation	Public Works Director	Sale of compost and loam, yard waste permits	Personnel, benefits, and program expenses	\$200,000
CATV operations	Board of Selectmen and Town Manager	License fees from cable TV providers	PEG contract and related expenses	\$400,000
Tree fund	Board of Selectmen	Gifts and fees	Program expenses	\$75,000

Art. 23: Continue Departmental Revolving Funds for FY 06

Adopted April 24.

Art. 24: Accept Chapter 157 of The Acts of 2005

Adopted April 24. Provides additional retirement allowance for veterans on disability.

Art. 25: Appropriate FY2007 Community Preservation Act Operating Budget

Adopted April 26. Appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund:

Administrative expenses	\$25,000
For acquisition, creation, and preservation of open space excluding land for recreational use	\$230,000
For acquisition, preservation, rehabilitation, and restoration of historic resource;	\$25,000
For creation, preservation, and support of community housing	\$230,000

To the general unreserved fund balance of the Community Preservation Fund \$1,530,000

Art 26: Appropriate for Outdoor Sound System

Indefinitely postponed April 24.

Art. 27: Appropriate for Recreation Capital Projects

Adopted April 26.

a. Center Playground	\$225,000
Borrowed	
b. Engineering Study, Center Pool	\$50,000
Complex from Recreation Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings	
c. Equipment/Improvements to Pine Meadow Golf Course from Recreation Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings	\$25,000

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Art. 28: Appropriate for Municipal Capital Projects

Adopted April 26.

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| a. Sidewalk reconstruction | \$300,000 |
| Borrowed | |
| b. Lincoln Field methane gas mitigation | \$60,000 |
| Borrowed | |
| c. Building envelope remodeling, reconstruction, and extraordinary repairs | \$290,000 |
| \$100,000 for Fire Station, from Community Preservation Fund | |
| \$40,000 for Westview Cemetery building from tax levy | |
| \$150,000 for miscellaneous improvements from tax levy, contingent on passage of a Proposition 2½ override | |
| d. DPW equipment | \$435,000 |
| Borrowed | |
| e. Street reconstruction | \$500,000 |
| From the tax levy | |
| f. Street drainage system | \$160,000 |
| Borrowed | |
| g. Police Station extraordinary repairs and equipment | \$842,000 |
| \$742,000 borrowed | |
| \$100,000 from Community Preservation Fund | |
| h. Fire engine | \$380,000 |
| Borrowed | |
| i. Building renovations restore records vault in Cary Memorial Hall from Community Preservation Fund | \$60,000 |

Art. 29: Appropriate for Water Distribution Improvements

\$900,000

Adopted April 24. Borrowed.

Art. 30: Appropriate for Water Meters

\$500,000

Adopted April 24. Borrowed.

Art. 31: Appropriate for Sewer Improvements

\$300,000

Adopted April 24. Borrowed

Art. 32: Appropriate for School Capital Projects

Adopted April 26.

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| a. Planning, remodeling, reconstructing and extra-ordinary repairs | \$1,716,000 |
| \$1,611,000 borrowed | |
| \$45,000 from tax levy | |
| \$60,000 transfer from amount appropriated under Article 30(a), 2005 Annual Town Meeting | |
| b. Computer hardware, software, related installation costs to maintain/ upgrade schools' technology systems | \$400,000 |
| Borrowed | |

Art. 33: Appropriate for School Administration Building

Indefinitely postponed April 24.

Art. 34: Appropriate for Fiske School Construction \$250,000

Adopted April 24. For landscaping, paving etc.; from Unreserved Fund Balance

Art. 35: Appropriate for Municipal Parking Lot \$150,000

Adopted April 24. Construct off-street parking lot behind NStar building at Massachusetts Avenue and Edison Way; transfer from Parking Meter Fund.

Art. 36: Appropriate for Senior Center Study

Indefinitely postponed April 26.

Art. 37: Appropriate for Public Works Facility

Indefinitely postponed April 26.

Art. 38: Appropriate for Municipal Electric Feasibility Study

Indefinitely postponed April 26.

Art. 39: Appropriate for Post Employment Benefits

Indefinitely postponed April 24.

Art. 40: Appropriate for Stabilization Fund

Adopted April 26.

\$2,650,000

\$2,000,000 transferred from unreserved Fund Balance
\$650,000 from tax levy

Art. 41: Appropriate for Prior Years Unpaid Bills

Adopted April 26. School Department **\$7,553**
goods/services in FY2005.

From Line Item 1100 of 2005 Annual Town Meeting, amended at November 2005 Special Town Meeting.

Art. 42: Amend FY2006 Operating Budget

Adopted April 26.

That the following additional amounts be appropriated to the following line items for the current fiscal year's budget as approved at the 2005 Annual Town Meeting, with amounts transferred from the following sources:

Line Item	Amount	Source	Amount
1100 Lexington Public Schools	\$79,518	Insurance Proceeds	\$79,518
2300 Reserve Fund	\$197,520	Unreserved Fund Balance	\$197,520
5100 Library Expenses	\$60,000	Library personnel	\$60,000
7100 Community Development Expenses	\$14,500	Community Development Personnel	\$14,500

Art. 43: Appropriate for Authorized Capital Improvements

Indefinitely postponed April 26.

Art. 44: Use of Funds to Reduce the Tax Rate

Indefinitely postponed April 26.

2006 Fall Special Town Meetings — Nov. 29 & Dec. 6, 2006

Two Special Town Meetings were held in Cary Memorial Building on November 29 and December 6, Moderator Margery M. Battin presiding.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING #1- NOVEMBER 29

Art. 1: Reports of Town Boards, Officers, and Committees

Reports of the Capital Expenditures and Appropriation Committees were presented.

Art. 2: Amend FY07 Operating Budget

Adopted. Additional funds were allocated for the following line items:

1100 Education	from \$62,346,492 to \$63,419,500
2130 Group Insurance	from \$18,213,285 to \$18,160,485
2140 Unemployment	from \$70,000 to \$122,800

Art. 3: Amend FY07 Enterprise Fund Budgets

Adopted. Additional funds were allocated for the following budgets:

That parts (a) and (b) of the motion under Article 18 of the 2006 Annual Town Meeting amended as follows:

a. That the appropriation to operate the Water Division of the Department of Public Works during FY07 under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 44, §53F1/2 be changed from \$6,038,135 to \$5,728,822 by amending the following line item(s):

	From	To
MWRA Assessment	\$4,341,830	\$4,032,517

And that the authorization to the Board of Selectmen to transfer an amount from the Water Enterprise Fund to the General Fund for indirect water expenses appropriated in the General Fund be amended as follows:

	From	To
Transfer of Indirect Water Expenses	\$918,613	\$883,963

And that the total appropriation, as amended, shall be funded with \$500,000 of Water Enterprise Fund retained earnings with the remainder to be funded with water receipts.

b. That the appropriation to operate the Wastewater Division of the Department of Public Works during FY07 under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 44, §53F1/2 be changed from \$6,854,614 to \$6,705,609 by amending the following line item(s):

	From	To
MWRA Assessment	\$5,782,838	\$5,633,833

And that the authorization to the Board of Selectmen to transfer an amount from the Wastewater Enterprise Fund to the General Fund for indirect wastewater expenses appropriated in the General Fund be amended as follows:

	From	To
Transfer of Indirect Wastewater Expenses	\$774,300	\$753,950

And that the total appropriation, as amended, shall be funded with wastewater receipts.

Art. 4: Community Preservation Fund

Adopted. Appropriations were made for the following projects: \$20,000 to the Community Preservation Fund-Historic Reserve

\$25,000 for Phase 1 of the Hancock-Clarke House historic restoration project

\$44,000 for a freight elevator for the Lexington Depot restoration and rehabilitation project

\$60,000 for shelving for the main vault of the Cary Memorial Building

Art. 5: Accept M.G.L. c. 39 §23D

Adopted.

Art. 6: Appropriate for Affordable Housing Purposes

Adopted. \$50,000 appropriated to Lexington Housing Assistance Board to support the provision of affordable housing within the Town.

Art. 7: Accept M.G.L. c. 71 §37M – Joint Facilities Department.

Adopted

Art. 8: Appropriate for Senior Service Purposes

Adopted. An \$11,000 appropriation in addition to that appropriated under Article 22 of the 2006 Annual Town Meeting for the purpose of conducting a Senior Service Program.

Meeting Dissolved November 29, 2006

Special Town Meeting #2 – November 29 and December 6

In the first session, the Moderator honored deceased Lexingtonian Cornelius P. Cronin for his contributions made to Lexington during the 103 years of his life and residency. The meeting was adjourned until December 6.

Art. 1: Reports of Town Boards, Officers, and Committees

Reports of the Capital Expenditures and Appropriation Committees relating to Article 2 were presented.

Art. 2: Appropriate for a DPW Facility

Adopted. \$1,600,000 appropriated for the cost of engineering and architectural services for plans and specifications for a new Department of Public Works facility. ■

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Department

Expenditures	FY06	FY05
<i>Payroll</i>		
Police	\$3,457,740	\$3,408,371
Dispatch	\$470,360	\$408,807
Parking Meter Maintenance	\$45,619	\$32,494
Animal Control	\$19,540	\$0
<i>Expenses</i>		
Police	\$387,786	\$392,038
Dispatch	\$24,925	\$24,723
Parking Meter Maintenance	\$22,975	\$21,930
Animal Control	\$1,272	\$0
<i>Personnel</i>		
<i>Full Time</i>		
Police	48	47
Dispatch	9	8
Parking Meter Maintenance	1	1
Parking Meter Maintenance	3	3
<i>Part Time</i>		
Animal Control	1	0
Cadets	3	3

Police Department

APPOINTED by the Town Manager: Christopher Casey, Chief of Department since 1993.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Five new officers hired; Middle School Resource Officer restored
- Override success restored \$138,517 to operating budget
- International Association of Chiefs of Police issued 2006 Civil Rights Award
- Received \$170,160 in grant funding
- Capital funding and planning prepared for new police/fire/911 dispatch center
- Animal Control Officer joined the Police Department

Personnel Changes: Five new officers were hired in 2006. Officer Mitch Caspe, a 13-year veteran, and Officer Chris Colman, a 5-year veteran, transferred from other communities. In September, Officers Kyle Kilimonis, Christopher Collins, and Colin Marsetta were newly appointed and assigned to the Reading Police Academy.

The passage of an override added \$138,517 to the annual operating budget of the Department, restoring a School Resource Officer (SRO), allowing replacement of one marked police cruiser, and adding an additional traffic clerk's position. Officer Tamzin Duffy was assigned as a SRO and began working with the middle and elementary schools in September.

Special Award: The Civil Rights Committee of the International Association of Chiefs of Police awarded the Lexington Police a certificate of special recognition for Department efforts to "protect and promote" civil rights. In cooperation with the No Place for Hate Steering Committee, the Department effectively managed multiple demonstrations involving two out-of-state groups who promoted intolerance and hate.

Programs & Initiatives: The Motorcycle Unit added Officers Mirabella and Papia; this program uses motorcycles to improve traffic enforcement initiatives and provide flexibility with special events. Officer Tuomi, an experienced motorcycle officer, also completed a rigorous instructor/trainer program.

The Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) Unit was established under the direction of Officer Crayton. Officers McIntyre, French, Rettman, and Evelyn completed RAD Instructor Training. Several programs in self-defense were offered in cooperation with local businesses and the Recreation Department. The program will be expanded with RAD Kids in 2007.

Other initiatives included all officers being trained in School Threat Assessment Response, Car Seat Safety Checkpoints (at the Minuteman Regional School, a certified technician checked or installed more than 80 seats), a "Home Alone" program offered as an evening class at the High School, Discovery Day demonstrations, identity theft presentations to community groups, and Read-A-Loud at various schools.

Grant Funding: The Department received more than \$170,160 in grant funds for various programs.

- \$5,000 from the Governor's Highway Safety Board for participation in the Click It or Ticket Traffic Safety Program. A trailer was purchased to transport equipment for special events and/or during emergencies.
- \$26,660 from the Department of Public Health to fund a pilot program to study the effects of emergency medical dispatch pre-arrival instructions for stroke victims. The new system is computer based and replaces the old-style flip cards. All dispatchers have received training in the new system, which has been online since October. Lexington is one of eight sites in the Commonwealth to participate in this program.
- \$28,000 from the Pappas Family Trust, which will replace all portable cardiac defibrillators now in service with the Police and Fire Departments.
- \$25,000 to support the Suburban Middlesex County Drug Task Force. Lexington assigns one full-time detective to help investigate local and regional drug crimes.
- \$36,000 from the Commonwealth to continue funding

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community-policing initiatives.

- \$20,000 for the Domestic Violence Advocate who works with families, the police, courts, and service agencies.
- \$16,000 for the replacement of ballistic vests.
- \$13,500 from the Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Homeland Security Grant for the purchase of mobile radio equipment for the command vehicle.

Capital Expenditure: Funding approved by Town Meeting will provide for the renovation of the joint police/fire/911 dispatch center, command office, and front desk area of the police station. Equipment in use since 1994 will be replaced with a state-of-the-art communications center and a new police radio network. Planning through the fall will result in construction in early 2007.

Level-3 Sex Offenders: Two Level-3 sex offenders (high risk) were in Town during 2006. By the end of the year, both had been returned to jail for violating parole or probation conditions. Under Massachusetts law, the Department conducted community and neighborhood notifications about the offenders. Residents, businesses, and regular visitors to Lexington are encouraged to visit the police station to request a current sex offender listing.

Animal Control: Effective July 1, the part-time Animal Control Officer (ACO) was transferred from the Health Department to the Police Department; 178 calls were logged when the ACO was on duty, and 276 were logged during off hours. Combining police and ACO services, following a pilot program proposed by the Board of Health, has continued to receive positive reviews from the community.

Denver Boot: In July, three Denver Boots were purchased for use on vehicles with excessive unpaid parking tickets. The Parking Control Officer administers the program with assistance from the Police Mechanic. The program paid for itself after the first vehicle was "booted" and the fines collected.

Noteworthy Investigations:

- Four fatal motor vehicle accidents were investigated.
- In separate investigations, two men were arrested for stealing tools from construction sites in Lexington and surrounding communities.
- A student was arrested for calling in two bomb threats that resulted in a multiple-agency response to the school.
- A suspect in thefts from the elderly was caught in a sting operation and was convicted.
- A Cambridge man was arrested in Arlington after a pursuit for attempted murder.
- Two Lexington juveniles were arrested on multiple counts of breaking into cars.
- Lincoln and Sudbury men were arrested for threatening the life of a Lexington undercover officer; this came after the officer identified a drug operation selling drugs in a neighboring school district.

- An alcohol sting compliance check in late spring found five of the 23 licensed establishments to be in violation for serving minors; for two of the establishments, it was their second offense.

2006 by the Numbers: The number and types of incidents that occur in Lexington tend to remain consistent from year to year. Trends noticeable in 2006 include a 40% increase (+50) in vandalism/malicious damage to property; a 31% increase (+16) in thefts from cars; a 21% decrease (-80) in disabled cars; an 11% decrease (-94) in routine accident investigations; and a 32% decrease (-161) in general requests for police to inspect problems. There was a 5% increase (+37) in crimes reported to the FBI, with a 12.5% decrease (-27) in serious crimes. ■

Town Report Statistical Figures

Complaints and Calls For Service

Motor Vehicle Accident Calls	880
Animal Control	213
Alarms Residential/Commercial	1,449
Fire Calls	1,86
Medical Assists	85
Motorist Assist	447
Missing Persons	3
Disturbance/Disputes	280
Building/Person Checks	1,03
Suspicious Activity	282
All Crimes	749
Park-Lock-Walk Patrol	1,117
Miscellaneous Calls	2,690
Total	11,122

Motor Vehicle Citations Issued

Warnings	2,376
Civil Infractions	1,477
Criminal Complaints	97
Arrests	43
Total	3,993

High Accident Locations

(10 or more incidents with more than \$1,000 damage)

Bedford St @ Rte 95	2
Bedford St @ Hartwell Av.	17
Waltham St @ Marrett Rd.	1
Bedford St @ Harrington Rd.	12
Bedford St @ Worthen Rd.	10

Fines Generated by Traffic Enforcement

Moving violations fines issued	\$108,011
Parking violations fines issued	\$125,200
Late payment fees	\$ 48,470
Parking fines collected in FY06	\$134,521

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Prosecution Summary

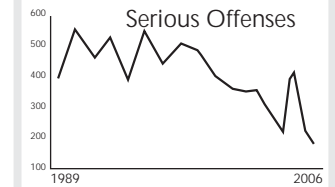
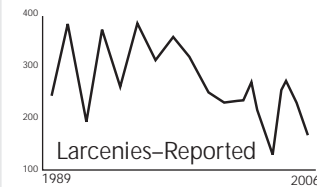
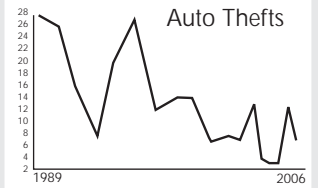
Arrest without Warrant	118
Arrest with Warrant	18
Criminal Summons	119
Clerk's Hearing	35
Private Complaints	4
**Juvenile Diversion	8
*Protective Custody	3
*noncriminal **not prosecuted	

Criminal Court Summary by Type of Offens

Operating to Endanger	14
Operating w/o License.	45
Operating Under the Influence	22
Revoked/Suspended License	30
Disorderly/Disturbing the Peace	13
Liquor Violations	9
Vandalism/Malicious Destruction	20
Forgery, Uttering, Counterfeiting	1
Receiving Stolen Property	3
Drug Violations	50
Domestic Order Violations	6
Assaults	38
Threats	7
Trespass	2

Robbery	4
Arson	1
Burglary/Breaking and Entering	14
Theft/Larceny	20

Larcenies—Reported . . 170
 Calls for Service . . . 11,122
 Auto Thefts 7
 Serious Offenses 189
 M/V Accidents 880



Fire Department

Fire Department

ROLE: To protect the lives and property of the community from emergencies involving fire, medical, hazardous materials, and environmental causes.

This mission is achieved through public education, code management, and emergency response. The Chief of the Department also serves as the Emergency Management Director, whose responsibilities include providing assistance to the community after natural disasters and other emergencies.

APPOINTED by the Town Manager: Chief William Middlemiss since March 2004.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- A relatively dry winter preceded a busy brush season within the town. Because of this dry season, the state declared red flag days, and open burning was suspended for a period of time. Several incidences of burning resulted in multiple acres being consumed by fire during this past spring.
- May saw the delivery of the new Rescue 1, built on a Chevrolet chassis and constructed by LifeLine Ambulance.

Expenditures	FY06	FY05
Payroll	\$3,976,086	\$3,724,570
Expenses	\$ 420,434	\$388,812
Personnel		
Full Time	55	55
Part Time	0	0

The ambulance provides a smoother ride and provides enhanced operational functions, allowing the paramedics to more easily perform their jobs. In addition, this vehicle has the first of the Department's mobile computerized reporting stations.

- Mother's Day brought with it significant rain and flooding. Although the Town was relatively spared, several homes and neighborhoods sustained minor basement flooding. The Department responded to and assisted more than 50 residential homeowners, providing basement pumps and salvage tarps to prevent further damage.
- The Department spent the year upgrading all of its radios, including truck radios, receivers, bases, and repeaters. This project was largely funded through a grant from the Department of Homeland Security. The Lexington Fire Department is one of the few fire departments in the Metro Boston area capable of communicating with surrounding communities directly.
- The Department established a timeline to complete the transformation to a radio master box system. The completion is scheduled for July 2008. A request has been made to fund the transformation of town-owned buildings to the new system in FY08.

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Incidents of Significance

The Department responded to 4,087 calls, an almost 4% increase in overall calls from 2005; of these, 2,162 were medical emergencies, with 1,480 resulting in transportation of one or more patients to a medical facility.

The following is a brief summary of incidents of significance:

January 3 – Working Fire, 30 Lawrence Lane.

April 17 – Three-acre 2-alarm brush fire off Grove Street on the Bedford, Burlington, and Lexington town lines.

October 8 – Working Fire, 9 Oxbow Road.

October 29 – Working Fire, 5 Sheila Rd.

December 13 – Building collapse at the Brookhaven Residential Complex, resulting in the extrication, treatment, and transportation of four seriously injured construction workers.

Grants

The Department has applied for and is awaiting word on a grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for the replacement of the Amkus Rescue Tool.

The Department received a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Public Safety and replaced the aging infrared camera with a new, more-accurate unit, moving the older unit to Engine 4 in East Lexington.

The Department, along with mutual aid partners, received a large grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to purchase cross-band repeaters in vehicles in each department in the Metro Fire District.

Fire Prevention Division

On March 31, 2006, a new law became effective that requires the installation of carbon monoxide detectors in residences that contain fossil-fuel burning equipment or have enclosed parking. All residences must have carbon monoxide detectors on each level of habitation and within 10 feet

of any bedroom door. The law requires the Fire Department, upon sale or transfer, to inspect the dwelling for compliance. This inspection has been incorporated with the inspection of smoke detectors under a similar existing law.

Substantial renovations were made to many commercial spaces within town. Hayden Avenue, Spring Street, Patriot Way, and Hartwell Avenue have seen considerable construction within existing buildings. This resulted in upgrades to existing fire protection systems or installation of new sprinkler and fire alarm systems to enhance safety and protect the public and firefighters in event of a fire.

The Division issued approximately 600 permits last year, including but not limited to blasting; installation of sprinklers, fire alarms, oil burners, propane tanks, and above-ground and underground storage tanks for flammable and combustible liquids; and the transportation of flammable and combustible liquids. All of the aforementioned permits require inspections for compliance with the Board of Fire Prevention Regulations.

The Department continued the Student Awareness of Fire Education Program without funding from the state. This program was previously funded through a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services. The mission is to enable students to recognize the dangers of fire and more specifically the fire hazards that tobacco products pose. Trained Fire Department personnel administer this program and present it to first grade children in the six elementary schools. Its aim is to reduce fires, burns, and deaths and allow the children to see firefighters as role models.

In October, members of the Department held an Open House at Fire Headquarters to observe National Fire Prevention Week. Approximately 500 residents participated. Participants were able to don firefighter turn-out gear, man live hose lines, and witness various equipment demonstrations, including a field communications vehicle purchased through homeland security funding. The vehicle is headquartered in Waltham

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Biosafety Committee

Biosafety Committee

ROLE: To oversee all uses of recombinant DNA (rDNA) within the Town of Lexington; to advise the Board of Health, which permits facilities using rDNA; to review all applications for permits for the use of rDNA for compliance with local, state, and federal guidelines.

APPOINTED by the Town Manager: Chair Janice Pero, PhD; Wendy Heiger-Bernays, PhD. Staff: Health Director Derek Fullerton, RS, CHO.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Biosafety consultant performed inspections of the six permitted facilities in Lexington and presented the results to the Board of Health.
- Health Department sent a list of frequently asked questions and answers to all biosafety facilities to inform representatives with clear and concise information related to permitting and regulation requirements.
- Biosafety consultant reviewed current rDNA regulations and recommended revisions and language additions to be approved in 2007. ■

and shared by fire departments in the Metro Fire District. It is designed to enhance radio interoperability between agencies during an emergency and has video downlink capabilities from helicopters; the Assistant Fire Chief attended a 40-hour course and has been trained in its use. Also on display was equipment from the Department's paramedic-level ambulance service. Items such as the cardiac monitor, intubation equipment for airway management, IV equipment, and a large array of drugs to treat multiple medical conditions were showcased. Firefighter-paramedics were available to answer questions about the Department's advanced medical care services.

Emergency Medical Services

The advanced life-support ambulance has been a lifesaver for the citizens of Lexington. Several persons have received care, limiting their pain and suffering and reducing transport times to medical facilities.

Personnel

Guy Monaco joined the Department as a firefighter-paramedic. He served with the City of Lynn for several years before joining the Lexington Fire Department. Firefighter Robert Levesque returned from a year of active duty in Iraq.

Firefighters Christopher Ford, Mark Simonds, David Walton, and Eric DeTrask completed the 12-week training program at the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy. In addition, Firefighter John Nogler completed a training course and was certified as a Hazardous Materials Technician.

Eight members of the department elected to increase their abilities to assist at medical emergencies by studying and becoming EMT-Intermediates. They are trained and able to administer IVs and intubate patients while awaiting the paramedics' arrival, which will allow the department to operate more efficiently at minor and major medical and traumatic incidents.

Emergency Management

Although the rainstorms in May did not cause significant flooding within the Town, the Town's main pumping station suffered damage from the increased activity. Under the Federal Public Assistance Grant Program, the Town was eligible for and received partial reimbursement for the costs to fix the pumping station and other related public safety costs surrounding the flooding events.

The continuous update of the Town's Comprehensive Emergency Plan has progressed. There is an additional emphasis on Continuity of Operations Planning training, with several department heads having participated. The town is also planning for the event of a pandemic flu outbreak.

Lexington is joining with its surrounding communities and forming a Regional Emergency Planning Committee. This planning and certification process will take place over the next several months. Bedford, Belmont, Arlington, Lexington, Hanscom AFB, and Burlington have showed an interest in this concept. ■

Traffic Safety Advisory Committee

ROLE: To advise the Selectmen on traffic safety issues. The Police Department reviews residents' traffic concerns to assess safety levels and to develop recommendations that may require consultation with staff from the engineering, planning, or school departments. Unresolved traffic safety concerns are scheduled for a public meeting presided over by the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee. The Board of Selectmen reviews meeting reports and recommendations. Recommendations approved by the Selectmen requiring signs or markings are forwarded to the Department of Public Works for implementation, and code changes are forwarded to the Town Clerk's Office.

APPOINTED by the Selectmen: Stephen Ades, Steve Frymer, Sudhir Murthy, Stefan Schatzki, David Crump (School Department), Captain Charles Sargent (Police Department), David Cannon (Engineering), Gail Wagner (Transportation Services).

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Installed No Parking signs on Fletcher Avenue
- Installed No Parking signs on Worthen Road
- Installed Stop signs approaching bikeway on public portion of Seasons Four/Gold Star driveway

- Installed No Parking signs to protect crosswalk/bikeway on Middleby Road serving Bridge School
- Installed child safety signage on Milk Street
- Installed child safety signage on approaches to Curve Street
- Installed child safety and curve signage on Rangeway
- Installed crosswalks linking pedestrian routes to new Fiske School
- Installed crosswalk and signage on Massachusetts Avenue at Charles Street
- Installed crosswalk signage on Massachusetts Avenue at Oak Street
- Installed crosswalk and signage on Burlington Street serving Diamond Middle School
- Installed crosswalk and signage on Pleasant Street serving Bowman School
- Installed crosswalk across Paul Revere at Massachusetts Avenue serving Hastings School
- Installed Not A Through Way sign on Webb Street
- Installed speed limit signs on Watertown Street approaching Route 2 ■

Board of Health

ROLE: To protect and promote the health of residents and those who work in or visit the Town; to develop and implement effective health policies, regulations, and programs that prevent disease and ensure the well-being of the community.

Expenditures	FY06	FY05
Payroll	\$157,615	\$136,262
Personnel		
Full Time	3	3
Part Time	1	1

APPOINTED by the Town Manager: Chair Wendy Heiger-Bernays, PhD; Burt Perlmutter, MD; Sharon MacKenzie, RN; Deborah Thompson, ScD; Judith Feldman, MD. Staff: Health Director Derek Fullerton, RS; Environmental Health Agent Kathy Fox, CHO; Part-time Public Health Nurse Susan Moser, RN; and Office Manager Ann Belliveau (budgeted under regulatory support).

HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Public Health Emergency Planning**
 - Continued development of the medical and non-medical volunteer corps of individuals willing to help in the event of a local or regional emergency. Conducted information sessions to residents about volunteering and training sessions on pandemic flu, incident command system, and shelter during an emergency.
 - Initiated special population planning and committee to collaborate with town departments and direct community members and organizations to identify, gather, compile, and maintain information on special populations (at-risk groups and individuals).
 - Promoted need for a pandemic flu planning committee to Town Meeting representatives and municipal senior management. Outlined planning objectives for the community in collaboration with the Lexington Emergency Management Director and Town Manager. Conducted pandemic flu education presentations to town officials and local organizations.

- **Public Pool Safety**

Conducted bacterial sampling of all permitted pools in the community to ensure that the pools are providing suitable water quality through proper disinfection to prevent recreational water illnesses.

- **Mosquito Control**

Participated in the East Middlesex Mosquito Control Program, which included applications of larvicide to town catch basins during the 2006 mosquito-breeding season and West Nile Virus monitoring and surveillance.

- **Pesticide Awareness**

Initiated pesticide awareness and education campaign. Awarded grant by the Toxic Use Reduction Institute to provide trainings to owners and maintenance personnel of multi-dwelling units on the proper use of and ways to reduce pes-



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Seated from left to right: Judith Feldman, M.D., Sharon MacKenzie, Deborah Thompson. Standing from left to right: Derek Fullerton, Burt Perlmutter, M.D., Ann Belliveau, Clerk

ticides at their dwellings/complexes. Training to be completed in 2007.

- **Influenza Vaccinations**

Coordinated and conducted two flu vaccine clinics to protect individuals from seasonal flu. Conducted one clinic at St. Brigid's Parish and the other at the Senior Center.

- **Engine Idling Reduction Awareness**

Continued participation on the Article 40 Ad Hoc Committee to review the existing bylaw with respect to stationary engine run-up and make recommendations to Town Meeting for reducing excessive engine idling in Lexington. Collaborated with the Department of Public Works to install idle-free signs at town-owned building sites within the community.

- **Tobacco Sales Enforcement**

Participated in the Metrowest-Suburban Tobacco Control Collaborative (MTCC) on enforcement of state and local tobacco laws and education. Collaborated with MTCC for conducting routine inspections throughout the year to identify tobacco sales to minors from permit holders in Lexington. Issued fines to the establishments who sold tobacco to minors. ■

Statistics

	2006	2005	2004
Permits Issued	606	567	537
Inspections	513	637	534
Inquiries	1323	1357	1525
Complaints (*incl. animals)	289*	264*	169
Communicable Diseases	56	96	69
Immunizations (Influenza)	460	450	640

PUBLIC FACILITIES

Department of Public Works

APPOINTED by the Town Manager: Director William Hadley since April 2000.

ROLE: To enhance the quality of life in Lexington. Every effort is

made to maximize the efficient and effective use of resources in support, maintenance, and upkeep of infrastructure, public lands, and programs. The Department of Public Works (DPW) is committed to public safety and providing prompt, courteous, quality service to customers and each other.

Staffing

Some staffing concerns continued in 2006. The June override election restored funding for the Highway Superintendent that had been eliminated in 2003 and laid the groundwork for hiring a combined schools and municipal utility superintendent. Temporary responsibility for municipal maintenance and custodial oversight continued to be distributed among other staff.

Self-Assessment

Primary goals of the DPW have been to provide the community with the best possible service and continue to look at alternatives that allow staff to perform their responsibilities more efficiently and effectively. To do this, the Department has taken on the self-assessment phase of the accreditation process sponsored by the American Public Works Association (APWA). Staff continued examining and documenting every policy and procedure in the Department.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Along with the Permanent Building Committee and the architects, HKT, Inc., participated in the development of an architectural plan for the new DPW facility. This was presented to a Special Town Meeting in November and resulted in a \$1.6 million appropriation for final design and contract documents in preparation for presentation to Town Meeting in spring 2007.
- As part of the plan for the new DPW facility, began working with the school administration to explore combining school and municipal maintenance and custodial services.
- Successfully negotiated with Keyspan executives to ensure the proper resurfacing of the streets disrupted by the November 2005 natural gas leak. In October, Keyspan presented a check for \$430,947 to compensate Lexington

for oversight and implementation of the street resurfacing project.

- Resurfaced another seven miles of streets in the fourth phase of the \$7,000,000 debt exclusion article funded in 2002.
- Worked with the Center Committee on connectivity improvements to enhance access to the center and the appearance of a pathway between the Depot Square parking lot and the metered lot behind CVS. It included installation of granite stairs and curbing, railings, and lighting and a landscaping upgrade.
- Hosted a fourth annual open house in May at the operations facility. More than 500 residents participated in demonstrations of equipment and explanations of DPW functions. Children enjoyed climbing on trucks and learning about different public works jobs and services.
- Provided support to various town committees, including the Center, Tree, Sidewalk, Energy, Electric Ad Hoc, Water/Sewer Ad Hoc, Permanent Building, Recreation, Transportation Advisory, Traffic Safety Advisory, and Minuteman Household Hazardous Products (HHP) committees.
- The Director was appointed as an evaluator for the APWA Accreditation Program.

DPW Administration

ROLE: To manage personnel; monitor the annual budget; provide outreach to the community; supervise numerous projects; competitively bid con-

tracts for public works services, including disposal of solid waste, recycling, and special collections for state-banned hazardous products; and manage the Hartwell Venue Compost Facility (HACF), snow plowing, street lighting, transportation, and parking programs.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- The Director continued to participate in the Northeast Homeland Security Council, consisting of 89 Massachusetts communities. A regional homeland security plan has been developed, as well as emergency contingencies. Tabletop exercises and simulated emergency situations have identified where training and resources are needed.
- Monitored and evaluated almost \$700,000 in municipal buildings utility costs.
- Provided management and administrative support for the regional HHP facility, including maintenance of the facility, accounting, and analysis of statistics for the eight member towns.

Expenditures	FY06	FY05
Payroll	\$ 4,123,517	\$ 3,903,319
Expenses	\$16,338,011	\$14,325,818
Personnel		
Full Time	76	75
Part Time	10	10
Seasonal	2	2

**Figures in the 2005 Annual Report were incorrect and have been corrected here.*

Expenditures	FY06	FY05
Payroll	\$303,195	\$266,748
Expenses	\$ 29,396	\$ 28,153
Personnel		
Full Time	5	5
Part Time	1	1

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- Continued work on the assessment phase of APWA accreditation process.

Engineering Division

- Vacancies accounted for the disparity between payroll expenditures between FY05 and FY06; two positions were open for 3 months, and one was open for 6 months.

Expenditures	FY06	FY05
Payroll Expenses	\$366,582 \$ 10,731	\$245,478 \$ 8,203
Personnel		
Full Time	6	6
Part Time	1	1

ROLE: To provide design, construction, and management services to the DPW; other departments, boards, and committees; and the general public.

Town Engineer: Peter Chalpin, P.E., since September 1998.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Geographical Information System:** Staff continued to update the Town's Geographical Information System maps for water, sewer, drainage, and parcel data.
- Infrastructure Renewal:** Engineering staff designed, permitted, managed, and supervised projects totaling approximately \$5.5 million.

Contract 05-1 \$230,000

Street Resurfacing

Contractor: P.J. Albert Co., Inc.
Resurfaced approximately 1 mile of arterial streets associated with Keyspan street repair: Forest, Waltham, and Muzzey Streets and sections of Massachusetts Avenue.

Contract 06-01 \$3,500,000

Street Resurfacing

Contractor: E. H. Perkins, Inc.
Resurfaced approximately 12 miles of neighborhood and arterial streets. Also resurfaced approximately 1 mile of roadway associated with the Keyspan street repair: Abernathy Road, Adams Street, Arcola Street, Battlevue Circle, Blossomcrest Road, Blueberry Lane, Bow Street, Brown Road, Burnham Road, Clyde Place, Crest Avenue, Cummings Avenue, Drew Avenue, East Emerson, Edgewood, Emerson and Emerson Gardens Roads, Fletcher Avenue, Hayes Lane, Hancock Street, Hillcrest Avenue, Ingleside Road, Jonas Stone Circle, Joseph Road, Juniper Place, Leonard Road, Lillian Road, Maureen Road, Melrose Avenue, Meriam Street, Oxford Street, Page Road, Patriots Drive, Pearl Street, Rawson Avenue, Sanderson Road, Sherman Street, South Rindge Avenue, Spencer Street, Stedman Road, Tyler Road, Upland Road, Wallis Court, Wellington Lane, Westminster Avenue, and Winn Avenue.

Contract 04-09 \$1,100,000

Water Main Replacement

Contractor: Cedrone Trucking, Inc.
Replaced approximately 9,200 linear feet of water main in Lowell and Shade Streets.

Contract 06-19 \$86,000

Sewer Main Replacement

Contractor: DeFelice Corporation
Replaced 600 feet of Grant Street sewer main.

Contract 06-20 \$38,000

Police Station UST Cleanup

Contractor: VHB Consulting Engineers Co., Inc.
Ongoing environmental cleanup.

Contract 05-19 \$335,000

Laconia Street Construction

Contractor: P.J. Albert Co., Inc.
Reconstructed approximately 2,000 feet of roadway, including installation of drainage and berm and water main replacement.

- Facilities Design, Construction, and Renewal:** Engineering staff designed, managed, and supervised projects totaling approximately \$191,000.

Contract 06-12 \$35,000

Police Station Flat Roof & A/C Condenser

Contractor: M&M Environmental, Inc.
Replaced flat roof and two A/C condensing units.

Contract 06-04 \$52,000

Fire HQ Structural Design

Contractor: CBI Consultants, Inc.
Designed future repairs to the apparatus room floor.

Contract 07-05 \$104,000

Town Hall Second-Floor Renovations

Contractor: Seaver Construction, Inc.
Renovated Selectmen's Office and Meeting Room and Town Manager's Office.

- New Water/Sewer Connection Permits:** Issued 27 permits for new water or sewer service for new homes.
- Water/Sewer Permits:** Issued 162 permits for repair or replacement of water or sewer service to existing homes.
- Street Opening Permits:** Approved and issued 232 permits for opening or occupying the public way to contractors.
- Property/Utility Records:** Received 1,076 requests for information from citizens, contractors, developers, and realtors.

Public Building Maintenance

ROLE: To ensure environmentally safe and aesthetically pleasing public buildings by providing custodial services, preventive main-

Expenditures	FY06	FY05
Payroll Expenses	\$302,270 \$625,856	\$320,129 \$473,963
Personnel		
Full Time	8	8
Part Time	1	1

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tenance, repairs, and renovations; monitoring energy use; and overseeing contracted repairs.

Superintendent: Position unfilled since July 2005.

Staffing:

Oversight of this division continues to be split between staff from DPW Administration and Community Development.

HIGHLIGHTS:

Staff performed or oversaw contractors who completed the following:

- Repaired leaking roofs at Police Station and Cary Hall.
- Installed replacement vinyl window blinds in Town Offices and Police Department.
- Repaired or replaced plumbing fixtures in Cary Library and the Visitors' Center.
- Assisted with installation and removal of temporary air conditioner in Cary Library.
- Rebuilt chilled-water circular pumps for Cary Hall and Town Hall.
- Provided setups, cleanups, and scheduled coverage for Cary Hall performances and rentals.
- Assisted with the installation of the new audio-visual system in Cary Hall.
- Oversaw replacement of garage door for Police Department and rear-entry door and security locks for Fire Department.
- Recalibrated thermostats and repaired steam leaks in Cary Hall.
- Renovated former office space in Cary Hall to create additional comfortable meeting rooms.
- Scheduled preventive maintenance and filter replacement in mechanical equipment.
- Set up, tore down, and cleaned up for Town Meetings and Town Voting.

Highway Maintenance

The Highway and Road Machinery Divisions as well as Snow Removal Operations are consolidated under the supervision of the Manager of Operations/Highway Superintendent. Each division will be reported on separately.

Manager of Operations/Superintendent: Wayne Brooks since May 2000.

Highway Division

ROLE: To maintain 126 miles of accepted streets and sidewalks, the drainage system, brooks, and street and traffic signs and signals

Expenditures	FY06	FY05
Payroll Expenses	\$611,632	\$531,182
	\$207,567	\$228,931
Personnel Full Time	13	13
Full Time	2	0

and to oversee the Road Machinery Division and Snow Removal Operations.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Street and Sidewalk Repair:** Used more than 900 tons of asphalt to maintain roads and sidewalks and to install asphalt curbing. Installed 5,500 feet of formed asphalt curbing and installed or repaired more than 1,200 feet of hand-formed asphalt curbing to prevent roadside erosion. The pothole patching truck purchased in 2004 continued to be a productive and labor-saving system to repair potholes.
- **Sidewalk Improvements:** The superintendent continued to work with the Sidewalk Committee to identify and prioritize areas that need repair or reconstruction.
- **Storm Drain Maintenance:** Repaired and rebuilt more than 30 catch basins.
- **Catch Basin Cleaning:** Cleaned 4,766 catch basins.
- **Street Sweeping:** Performed by town personnel on a straight-time basis using two town-owned sweepers.
- **Traffic Line and Crosswalk Markings:** A contractor painted lines in the fall. DPW staff painted crosswalk and parking lines in the spring and summer.
- **Traffic Sign Maintenance:** Maintained 2,400 traffic control signs and 500 parking meters. All repairs and installations were handled to ensure a timely response to traffic control issues. Staff continued to use the computerized sign-cutting machine to create larger, more-reflective street signs in house.
- **Traffic Signal Maintenance:** Maintained 10 traffic control signals and 11 additional flashing signals or spotlights. Staff replaced bulbs, and a private contractor performed repairs as needed.

Snow Removal Operations

ROLE: To handle all snow-plowing and sanding operations using DPW staff and 34 pieces of town-owned equipment including 8 sanders and 31 pieces of hired plowing equipment and operators.

Expenditures	FY06	FY05
Payroll Expenses	\$391,511	\$ 575,041
	\$710,826	\$1,019,106
Personnel Full Time	All DPW Staff	All DPW Staff

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Lexington experienced 17 snow and ice storms for a total of 48 inches of snow. Three storms required full plowing operations by town staff and outside contractors; 6,089 tons of sand and salt were used on town roads, but no overnight operations to remove snow piles from the Center Business District were necessary.
- New snow blowers have proven effective to clear snow from the center and sidewalks, resulting in a much-cleaner finished product. The loader-mounted blower will per-

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mit the clearing of snow from the center more frequently and should prove to be more cost effective.

Road Machinery Division

ROLE: To maintain all DPW, fire, and school vehicles in a ready, active status. DPW equipment consists of 160 vehicles ranging from sedans, pickups, and dump trucks to off-road construction equipment, including backhoes, front-end loaders, lawn mowers, and landscaping and lawn maintenance equipment.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- In summer, repaired and painted snowplows and sander bodies and kept highway, public grounds, and water and sewer equipment in operation.
- In winter, rebuilt street sweepers and maintained landscaping equipment.
- During the ongoing preventive maintenance program, each vehicle is evaluated and prioritized in the vehicle replacement survey.
- Contracted out more scheduled preventive maintenance and repairs this year because of a mechanic vacancy.

Environmental Services

ROLE: To manage environmental service programs, including contracted curbside refuse collection and disposal; curbside recycling collection of mixed paper, plastic, glass and metal containers, yard waste, and appliances, and recycling drop-off of corrugated cardboard; manage operations of the Minuteman HHP regional facility, including the special collection of cathode ray tubes (CRTs) and other electronics; manage operations at the HACF, including the processing and collection of leaves, yard waste, brush, and other organic materials from contractors, residents, and municipal curbside materials; oversee the provision of composting-related services completed by private contractors; administer the contractor permit program for yard waste and brush; and develop and implement marketing program regarding the sale of various compost/loam products.

Superintendent of Environmental Services: Robert Beaudoin since September 2001

Expenditures	FY06	FY05
Payroll Expenses	\$119,530	\$130,483
Personnel Full Time	4	4

Expenditures	FY06	FY05
Payroll Expenses	\$ 128,441	\$ 63,443
Personnel Full Time	2	2

Half of the FY05 payroll funding came from the DPW Revolving Fund. An accounting change in FY06 shows funding for the two employees and overtime.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Visible Recycling Ban:** In an effort to reduce the overall town budget and trash disposal costs, the Board of Selectmen voted to enforce a visible recycling ban (VRB) during the 2006 Town Meeting process. The Town developed a plan to work with the contractor, Waste Management, to implement this ban effective September 1 and better enforce the Town's current recycling regulations. The goal of this new program is to reduce the total amount of Lexington trash by preventing recyclables like cardboard, glass bottles and jars, cans, plastic, and paper from going to the incinerator. In the last four years, the amount of trash Lexington residents have thrown away has increased 20%, whereas recycling tonnage has decreased 4% over the same period. Fewer tons of trash result in lower cost of disposal for the Town and taxpayers. Through December 2006, in the first four months under the VRB, there was a reduction of more than 200 tons in trash and an increase of nearly 120 tons in recycling.
- **Curbside Collections:** Continued the weekly curbside collection of mixed paper and plastic, glass, and metal containers along with residential trash. Waste Management of Massachusetts completed the fourth year of a five-year contract extension for curbside collection of solid waste and recyclable materials. Applied for and received Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) technical assistance grant to improve participation at the Minuteman HHP regional facility and a municipal waste reduction grant to provide recycling education materials and equipment.
- **Recycling Statistics:** Residents recycled 5,221 tons of glass, metal, plastics, and mixed paper through the curbside and drop-off collection program in FY2006, a decrease of about 220 tons, or 4%, from the previous year. A total of 2,568 appliances were collected from Lexington residents through the curbside collection program. Recycling access for cardboard was expanded at the DPW facility, resulting in the recycling of approximately 110 tons of cardboard.
- **Recycling Outreach**
 - Participated in local cable access program with Board of Selectmen Chair Jeanne Krieger and Selectmen Peter Kelley on "How and What to Recycle in Lexington."
 - Conducted site visits of area recycling facilities to assess best end market for Lexington's recyclables.
 - Developed Request for Proposal Bid Document 07-24 for the collection of household hazardous waste at the Minuteman Regional facility and Bid Document 07-26 for refuse and recyclables collection, hauling, and disposal in Lexington.
 - Developed waste reduction plans and worked with Waste Management to implement the VRB starting September 1, 2006.
 - Sent VRB flyer to all Lexington residents and updated

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solid waste and recycling Website.

- Relocated November CRT collection event from 201 Bedford Street DPW facility to the Hartwell Avenue facility, where items were now accepted at two collection points, thereby significantly reducing wait time.
- Secured \$2,500 funding sponsorship of CRT collection by the Best Buy Company.
- Continued coordination of Lexington, Arlington, Bedford, Belmont, Burlington (LABBB) collaborative program to collect ink-jet and toner cartridges from municipal departments and from CRT special drop-off collections. LABBB students have collected thousands of cartridges and sent them to a facility that reprocesses them.
- Placed new public-space recycling containers in center and at various ball fields.
- Continued expanded weekday and weekend spring and fall hours of operation at the HACF.
- Provided new public recycling event boxes to several civic organizations to recycle beverage containers at annual fairs, festivals, and fundraisers.
- Revised annual trash and recycling collection calendar and mailed to all households.
- Provided recycling access, education materials, and demonstrations at public events including League of Women Voter's Forum, Earth Day Fair, DPW Open House, Discovery Day, and Patriots' Day Parade.
- Continued the fluorescent bulb recovery program at public schools, municipal buildings, and the Minuteman HHP regional facility, recycling nearly 3 miles of fluorescent bulbs and receiving nearly \$1,000 in grant funds to subsidize collection costs.
- Promoted the reuse of construction materials such as kitchen cabinets, bathroom fixtures, and other building materials on several demolition projects in Lexington, diverting reusable building materials from traditional landfill disposal.
- **Trash Disposal:** Disposed of 9,740 tons of solid waste at the Wheelabrator North Andover waste-to-energy facility. Trash generation increased 4% in FY06 over FY05, resulting in 379 additional tons of refuse delivered by Lexington to the waste-to-energy facility.
- **CRT/E Waste Collections:** As a result of the state's solid waste ban, DPW conducted three 1-day special collections of televisions and computer monitors that contain CRTs, which are made of lead and other metals. In addition to the licensed contractor, Electronicycle, Inc., community volunteers helped to staff these events. Lexington residents from nearly 1,900 households and several municipal departments generated more than 89 tons of CRTs that were diverted from trash disposal and were recycled or disposed of properly. The cost was approximately \$27,000.
- **Curbside Yard Waste Collections:** State DEP regulations prohibit yard waste from being disposed of with trash.

The 12 curbside yard waste collections provided in FY06 were valuable in diverting yard waste from municipal solid waste. Nearly 1,500 tons of yard waste (including Christmas trees) was collected through this curbside program and brought to the HACF, saving the Town thousands of dollars in disposal costs and providing a valuable resource that was sold as finished product to area contractors.

- **Composting Facility:** One full-time and one seasonal employee operate the composting program at the Hartwell Avenue Recycling Facility, with assistance from other DPW personnel and three private contractors. Residents and private contractors delivered an estimated 50,000 cubic yards of yard waste—leaves, brush, and grass clippings. The rich composted material continued to be available for residential use, for sale to contractors, and for use in public grounds. The Selectmen approved new fees for the contractor yard waste permit and punch card programs in April 2005. In FY06, the yard waste permit and punch card programs for contractors alone generated nearly \$94,000 in revenue, a 32% increase over the previous year.
- **Comprehensive Composting Program:** Several activities were initiated or continued to assess the value and improve operations of the HACF.
 - Improved inventory and finished product areas, signage, processing, and traffic logistics at HACF site to more effectively manage incoming residential, commercial, and curbside yard waste materials.
 - Entered third year of agreement with the Town of Arlington to accept their curbside yard waste. The past two years resulted in \$85,000 in payments to Lexington for the disposal of approximately 6,000 tons of yard waste and Christmas trees.
 - Marketed a variety of compost products to several local landscape companies, resulting in the sale of nearly \$137,000 (a 22% increase over the previous year) of loam and compost materials deposited into the Town's compost-product revolving account.
- **Hazardous Products Collections:** The Minuteman HHP regional facility conducted eight collection events. The contractor for the final year of the current contract was Clean Harbors, Inc. Residents from more than 40 communities participated in removing hazardous products from the waste stream. Boards of health, public works departments, and community volunteers combined to manage the site. Of the 2,612 cars that participated in collections during FY06, 954, or nearly 37%, were from Lexington.

In an effort to provide comprehensive curbside collection of solid waste and recycling, the Town continues to examine and implement the most cost-effective methods to facilitate the recovery of recyclables and mitigate the collection of trash and thereby provide long-term environmental and economic benefits to its citizenry.

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Public Grounds

The Parks, Forestry, and Cemetery divisions and the Street Light Maintenance Program are consolidated under the supervision of the Public Grounds Superintendent. Each division will be reported on separately.

Superintendent: David Pinsonneault since October 2000.

Parks Division

ROLE: To maintain and care for more than 600 acres of town, school, and recreation lands. Areas maintained include athletic fields, public grounds, playgrounds, tennis and basketball courts, trails, rights-of-way, bike path, and pool and reservoir complexes. To assist the Conservation Commission in maintaining vegetative growth on properties under their jurisdiction and assist with various special town events.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Playgrounds and Parks:** Performed day-to-day and start-up/closeout maintenance at the pool complex; transported supplies and equipment for various departments and user groups; assisted with spring and winter maintenance at the Old Reservoir, including adding and grading sand; performed playground inspections and repaired various playground deficiencies, including surfacing and swings; assisted with removal of old and of new playground equipment and safety surface installation at the Center Playground; installed retro kits to the swing sets at Lincoln Park, Rindge Park, and Sutherland Park, as per manufacturer's recommendations; repaired numerous basketball rims; performed maintenance at the skateboard park; performed landscape improvements and spring and fall cleanups at various town sites.
- **Sports Fields:** Resodded the middle of the football field, performed drainage repairs, and initiated a new turf fertilizer program at the football field as a coordinated effort with a general contractor and a turf service company; rebuilt the infields at the Lincoln Park baseball field and the Center Playfields base ball field as a coordinated effort with Lexington Little League; renovated infields at various baseball and softball fields throughout Town; worked in conjunction with the Permanent Building Committee to rebuild one of the ball fields at the Fiske School; performed daily ball field maintenance during the playing seasons; performed synthetic field maintenance at Lincoln Park; performed turf, drainage, and site amenity repairs to various soccer fields and ball fields; overseeded, fertilized, and limed athletic fields as per the turf maintenance program and field type and use; performed athletic field lay-

out for school, youth, adult, and Recreation programs on an overtime basis and performed athletic field line painting during the spring and fall seasons; constructed and repaired benches; repaired bleachers, backstops, and fencing; transported goals and nets for various sports activities and user groups.

- **Park Maintenance:** Coordinated the turf maintenance program, which included aeration, overseeding, topdressing, irrigation, and incorporation of integrated pest management; emptied the new recycling barrels at various locations; installed new benches and repaired benches at various locations; painted, repaired, installed, and constructed picnic tables and trash receptacles throughout the Town's park system; performed trash pickup at designated sites; maintained the Minuteman Bikeway; performed mowing and maintained site amenities, drinking fountains, and irrigation systems in designated areas; performed rough-cut mowing at conservation areas and roadsides on a limited basis; performed maintenance on traffic islands on a limited basis in coordination with the Lexington Field and Garden Club; assisted with various special events including Patriots' Day, parades, and Chamber of Commerce events; assisted with installation and removal of the planters in the center and East Lexington; performed other requests for service from other town departments, boards, commissions, and the general public; and assisted the Building Maintenance, Highway, Forestry, and Cemetery Divisions with various projects.

Forestry Division

ROLE: To care for and preserve all woody plant vegetation in parks, along streets, and in all public properties, with the highest

priority given to emergencies; to provide direct support to cemetery operations on an as-needed basis; to maintain approximately 10,000 street trees and all shrub plantings and trees in parks, playgrounds, cemeteries, traffic islands, public right-of-ways, conservation land, recreation land, and school property; to maintain 3,343 streetlights; and to assist other departments and groups with aerial-lift services.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- **General Tree Care:** Staff responded to more than 300 requests for service; pruned trees at the cemeteries, schools, conservation areas, and recreation areas (including Pine Meadows Golf Course, public grounds areas, and other locations within the public right-of-way) as part of an ongoing preventive maintenance program. Responded to requests for clearing foliage-obstructed streetlights to improve visibility; cleared downed trees and limbs after

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snow, ice, rain, and wind storms. Cut back encroaching trees and shrubs along the Minuteman Bike Path and other town right-of-ways. Watered trees as resources permitted; treated 14 trees for pests and disease and inspected Precinct 8 for hazardous trees as part of a proactive yearly initiative to address hazardous conditions before damage or injury occurs. Provided oversight of the Tree Bylaw, of which 476 sites have been reviewed since October 2001. Of these sites, 326 have been closed out. A total of 565 trees have been approved for removal, with 264 removed to date. A total of 1,343 new trees are required to be planted, with 610 planted to date. Staff also attended educational workshops.

- **Tree Pruning:** Pruned 84 trees to remove hazards and improve health, structure, shape, and aesthetics.
- **Tree Removal:** Removed 152 dead, diseased, damaged, or otherwise hazardous trees. The majority of the removals were elm, ash, and maple trees. Ground 36 stumps, added loam to grade, and seeded the removal sites, where possible.
- **Planting:** Planted 63 trees, including the Arbor Day tree at Belfry Hill; commemorative trees at the Common, Tower Park, and near the Visitor's Center; trees at the High School, Harrington School, and Hastings School; trees at Lincoln Park; and trees at various public grounds and right-of-way locations throughout Town. The trees were funded through local donations, private funding sources, the program budget, and 12 trees that the Town of South Hadley donated.
- **Pest Control:** Treated for bees and wasps, as needed, at various locations.
- **Streetlights:** Inspected and replaced bulbs and sensors on town-owned streetlights.
- **Other Projects:** Decorated and removed holiday lighting throughout the center; chipped more than 3,000 Christmas trees; installed and removed voting banners; assisted with the Arbor Day ceremony; provided on-going assistance to the Cemetery and Park Divisions throughout the season; and assisted other town departments with aerial-lift services. Staff applied for and received the 2005 Tree City USA Award, marking the 17th year in the program.

Cemetery Division

ROLE: To operate and maintain 34 acres of grounds and all buildings and equipment for four cemeteries: Westview, Munroe, Robbins, and Colonial. To serve the bereaved in a professional manner.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Assisted with and prepared cemeteries for special events, such as flags, spring/fall cleanup.

- Operated and maintained the irrigation system at Westview Cemetery to promote better turf quality.
- Coordinated with the contractor for turf maintenance services, including fertilizing and integrated pest management at Westview Cemetery.
- A consultant completed some repairs to the grave markers at Colonial Cemetery, as identified in an assessment report.
- Worked with a consultant to develop a plan for continued repair and upkeep of the grave markers at Colonial Cemetery and a plan to initiate repair and upkeep of the grave markers at Munroe Cemetery.
- Cleared an area and marked it for additional burial space at Westview Cemetery.
- There were 172 interments and 97 cremation burials in Westview Cemetery and two interments in Munroe Cemetery. Staff dug and backfilled graves, set stones, loamed, and seeded graves.
- At Westview Cemetery, 75 new lots were sold, with the revenue split between the Town (45%) and the Perpetual Care Trust (55%). A total of 106 foundations for flush markers were approved and set. Eleven markers were removed and replaced.
- In addition to purchasing directly from the Town, grave boxes and burial vaults may be purchased from and installed by outside vendors for an inspection fee. The Town sold 59 grave boxes (100% of the total installed) and 37 burial vaults (68% of the total installed). Inspection fees were collected for 17 burial vaults, which outside contractors provided and installed.
- Revenue collections totaled \$272,808 (includes \$47,025 transferred to the Perpetual Care Trust).

Street Light Maintenance Program

ROLE: To proactively maintain a cost-effective lighting system that enhances public safety along Lexington roadways while considering all characteristics of light-source quality.

Expenditures	FY06	FY05
Payroll	\$ 20,000	*
Expenses	\$288,644	\$242,158

*Because of an accounting change, this was shown as expended in Forestry in FY05.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Town employees have maintained 3,343 streetlights since March 2000. Members of the Forestry Division inspect and change photo-sensor cells and light bulbs. Service calls are scheduled on an overtime basis as weather permits. Calls are processed in the order they are received or are prioritized according to whether they require an emergency repair because of safety concerns. If the repair requires more technical expertise involving wiring or replacement of fixtures and heads, an electrical contractor is dispatched to resolve the problem.

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- A total of 682 outages were reported to the call center through December, and there was a carryover of 93 unresolved calls from 2005. Town staff inspected 714 lights and repaired 613 of them. The electrical contractor repaired 101 lights. Sixty-one calls remained unresolved as of December 15. The response time for town staff inspection and repair of lights is between 14 to 21 days. The electrical contractor response for repairs is about 14 to 21 days after the initial inspections by town staff.
- A program was initiated to replace 1,000 inefficient incandescent light bulbs with new energy-efficient bulbs. Forty-one lights had been replaced through December 15.

Parking Operation

ROLE: To provide a balance of short- and long-term parking for center visitors and employees by managing the Town's permit and attended parking programs, including a 300-car attended lot, three permitted areas, the employee parking lot behind the Town Hall complex, and approximately 500 parking meters in the center business area. Part-time employees operate the attended lot.

Program Manager: Gail Wagner since May 2001.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Depot Square lot is attended weekdays year-round and Saturdays from April through mid-November from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. The capacity of the lot can be increased during busy times by stacking as many as 60 additional cars in the aisles.
- 210 annual permits were sold to center business employees.
- Parking meters are posted for various time limits from 30 minutes to 4 hours throughout the Center.
- Revenue was as follows:

Parking Meters	\$209,542
Attended Lot	\$134,209
Parking Permits	\$47,787
Total Parking Revenue	\$391,538

Transportation Services

ROLE: To oversee all aspects of the operation of LEXPRESS, including customer service, schedules, routes, contract monitoring, MBTA grant administration, marketing, ridership, and fare collection activities.

Expenditures	FY06	FY05
Payroll	\$ 69,469	\$ 65,230
Expenses	\$416,561	\$225,689
Personnel		
Full Time	1	1
Part Time	1	1



Photo: David S. Tabeling

From left to right: Elaine Dratch, Gail Wagner, Sally Castleman, Eric Eid-Reiner, Sara Arnold, Pat Goddard.

Transportation Coordinator: Gail Wagner since May 2001.

The Transportation Advisory Committee advises the Transportation Coordinator on all matters related to the operation of LEXPRESS and transportation demand management.

APPOINTED by the Selectmen: Chair Sara Arnold, Co-Chair William Levison, Sally Castleman, Elaine Dratch, Don Graham, Diane Pursley, Francine Steiglitz. Selectmen Liaison Hank Manz. Student representative Eric Eid-Reiner.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- **LEXPRESS Bus Service.** LEXPRESS is in its 27th year of service as a neighborhood fixed-route system. It operates a three-bus, six-route system. LEXPRESS connects residential neighborhoods and outlying business areas with Lexington center, schools, recreation facilities, shopping areas, and the Senior Center. One route also serves the Burlington Mall and Middlesex Commons in Burlington. Buses operate Monday through Friday 6:45 a.m. to 6:25 p.m., September through June, and 7:00 a.m. to 6:25 p.m., July and August. There is no service on Saturdays, Sundays, or legal holidays.
 - LEXPRESS passengers consisted of 64% students, 22% adults, 12% senior citizens, and 2% children under six.
 - Ridership increased 24%; revenues were up 14%.
 - Performance reliability remained at 99.9% based on the measure of completed routes and scheduled hours.
 - LEXPRESS passes were provided at no cost to 17 residents upon referral from Social Services.
 - The expenses shown for FY05 represent tax levy funding only. In FY06, expenses also include the MBTA grant, funds from fares and passes, and transportation demand management fees.
 - M & L Transit Systems, Inc. of Woburn is contracted to provide and operate the fleet of four Blue Bird Transhuttle vehicles built in 1999 with a 10-year useful

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life. Each bus seats 24 people, is fully accessible for persons with special needs, and is in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

- The LEXPRESS transit guide is updated annually and mailed to residents. It is also available at public facilities. Fares can be paid in cash, with tickets, or by monthly/annual passes. Reduced rates are in effect for seniors, persons with special needs, and children under six. In addition to fares and an annual appropriation by Town Meeting, LEXPRESS is funded by an annual grant from the MBTA and transportation demand management funds.
- LEXPRESS connects to the MBTA, Burlington B-Line, and Lowell Regional Transit.
- Because of an accounting change, the FY06 Expense line above now includes expenses funded by income from other sources. The tax levy portion for FY06 was \$297,882.
- **Transportation Demand Management:** Under the terms of their transportation demand management programs, the Hayden Medical Center, the Hayden Corporate Center, and the Lexington Technology Park make annual contributions to LEXPRESS. Met State/Avalon commenced annual LEXPRESS contributions in FY06. The Transportation Advisory Committee actively promotes transportation demand management programs for other corporations to reduce dependence on private automobiles by providing transportation alternatives, including funding LEXPRESS.
- **Traffic Safety Advisory Support:** The Transportation Coordinator is a staff liaison to the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee.

Water/Sewer Divisions

ROLE: To serve the needs and concerns of its customers, sustain quality drinking water, and provide for the safe and proper discharge of wastewater by maintaining the Town's complete water and sewer infrastructure and implementing various service programs.

Superintendent: Dennis Meehan since January 2004

The infrastructure consists of 158 miles of water main, two water towers with total capacity of 3.1 million gallons, 1,500 fire hydrants, 3,400 street and hydrant control valves, and approximately 12,500 residential service line control valves located on property lines. Four main water transmission lines from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) serve Lexington: a 16-inch main at Summer Street, a 16-inch main on Massachusetts Avenue in East Lexington, a 12-inch main on Watertown Street, and a 24-inch main on Concord Avenue.

Expenditures	FY06	FY05
Payroll Expenses	\$ 798,982	\$ 735,819
	\$11,360,462	\$10,654,654
Personnel Full Time	15	15

The sewer system has 120 miles of sewer main, 34 miles of trunk-line sewer main, and 10 sewer pump stations, including the main pump station at Route 128 and Bedford Street, and 600 sewer manholes.

The department is divided into four sections: water distribution, meter reading and billing, sewer maintenance, and construction. Employees are cross-trained to perform all divisional functions and also participate in snow removal operations.

Water Distribution Section responds to service calls from residents, repairs curb and water control boxes, reads and installs water meters, takes water samples, performs hydrant maintenance, maintains and updates the water control valve locations, oversees the cross-connection control program, investigates all water bill complaints, marks out services for contractors and utility companies, and assists the Engineering and other DPW divisions.

The water distribution system is usually flushed annually to ensure quality drinking water. The system was flushed this year, specifically the dead ends, over a 6-week period from early November into December. Water is tested weekly for coliform and other bacterial organisms at nine sampling locations; coliform bacteria were detected at one site, but an immediate retest was negative. Sampling is also done annually at selected locations to test for lead and copper. Lexington passed the September 2006 test results for lead and copper. The Department is responsible for replacing 7% of possible lead services every year, so 27 services are excavated at the property line each year to identify the materials used. If lead is found on the town side, the pipes are replaced as soon as possible; if lead is found on the residents' side, they are notified, and replacement is recommended.

Leak detection was completed this year between April 10 and May 25 using the correlation method; nine leaks were discovered, at a loss of 191,520 gallons a day. All leaks were excavated and repaired, with the exception of one because of a logistics problem.

Meter Reading and Billing Section is responsible for reading water meters and managing the billing system. In 2005, a new utility manager position was created under the Finance Director to oversee the billing process and handle problems and complaints.

Sewer Maintenance Section maintains the sewer system of 154 miles of pipe and 10 pump stations, implements the sewer main flushing program, and manages the pump station maintenance program to ensure the safe and proper discharge of wastewater. Staff are also available to identify any electrical problems with relay or pressure switches. They also assist the Highway Division with clearing storm drain blockages with the use of the Department's vacuum truck.

Construction Section is responsible for the lead water service replacement program, installing new mainline and service line control valves where needed, and replacing defec-

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tive control valves. They also oversee replacements of hydrants and sewer mains and services and repair water system and sewer system leaks.

Employees attended training seminars on cross-connection control, MWRA procedures for drinking water sampling, hydrant maintenance, and courses relating to the state certification exams. Seven employees are state-certified Drinking Water Facility Operators; one is Grade 4, three are Grade 3, one is Grade 2, and two are Grade 1. One employee is a state-certified backflow tester, and four are cross-connection surveyors.

HIGHLIGHTS

- The MWRA supplies Lexington with approximately 2 billion gallons of water annually. The Town also pays the MWRA to treat and dispose of the Town's sewage.
- The MWRA provided debt service assistance totaling \$160,748 in FY06. Since 1994, the Town has received \$5,861,748 in debt service assistance.
- The policy that allows installation of a second meter for outdoor watering was instituted 11 years ago. Water consumed through this meter is charged only at the water rate. To date, 2,600 meters have been installed. The rate paid for this water was adjusted to the maximum rate to more accurately reflect its cost and provide fairness to all ratepayers.
- Assisted the Engineering Division with the road-resurfacing project by providing mark-outs, materials, and emergency service.

- Responded to emergency water and sewer repairs day and night, keeping service interruptions to a minimum. ■

Repair and Replacements

Water main breaks repaired	14
Water service leaks repaired	18
Hydrants repaired	223
Hydrants replaced	24
Service control valves repaired	33
Street control valves repaired	10
Water services renewed	18
Sewer services replaced	5
Sewer services camera televised	18
Sewer main blockages repaired	14
Sewer service blockages repaired	22
Sewer manholes repaired	21
Sewer mains flushed and cleaned	61,200 feet
Storm drains flushed and cleaned	21,000 feet

New Installations

Outdoor watering meters	200
Water meters	260
Water services	6
Sewer services	21

Permanent Building Committee

Expenditures	FY 05	FY 04
<i>Project Management</i>	\$253,040	\$253,231
<i>Architects</i>	\$1,187,828	\$530,531
<i>Contractors</i>	\$11,269,460	\$7,046,735

ROLE: To provide ongoing expertise and experience in managing the design and construction of all town building projects, including hiring of design professionals, obtaining bids, and entering into contracts for design and construction.

APPOINTED by the Town Manager for 3-year overlapping terms: Chair Philip Poinelli, Vice Chair Jonathan Himmel, Richard Perry, Peter Johnson, and Mary Lou Touart.

APPOINTED by the School Committee: Bruce Creager and Richard Sperandio.

APPOINTED by the Department of Public Works: William Kennedy and Eric Brown.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Mary Lou Touart resigned from the committee after serving for 31 years.
- Construction continued on the new Fiske Elementary School. At year end, the school was approximately 95% complete. Occupancy is anticipated in February 2007. Fiske students are currently attending school at the old Harrington School.
- The Committee conducted a designer selection process to select a design firm to develop an elementary school master plan. The Design Partnership of Cambridge was selected. The feasibility study is 95% complete.
- HKT Architects has continued on design development for the new Department of Public Works facility. Fall Special Town Meeting appropriated the remainder of design fees for the completion of the project.
- The Committee conducts regularly scheduled monthly meetings with additional meetings as necessary. The Committee supervises all projects through the Project Manager Bill Kealy, Clerk of Works Gary Kaczmarek, and Secretary Cara Shapiro. ■

Lexington Tree Committee

ROLE: To promote the preservation and protection of public shade trees pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 87 and certain trees on portions of private property; to work in conjunction with the Tree Warden to regulate the removal and replacement of trees in certain circumstances; to promote the planting and protection of trees throughout the Town; to develop rules, regulations, tree inventory, manuals, and other data as stated in the Lexington Tree Bylaw for approval and promulgation by the Selectmen.

APPOINTED by the Board of Selectmen: Chair John Frey, Karen Longeteig, Gerald Paul, Markus Pinney, Anne Senning, Nell Walker, James Wood; Selectmen liaison Jeanne Krieger; Tree Warden David Pinsonneault. Susan Solomon, although no longer a member, is continuing to contribute her time and effort for Tree Committee initiatives.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Tree Planting:** 63 new trees planted on public land in Town this year:
 - 12 Oak trees transplanted by Department of Public Works (DPW) Forestry Division from town nursery in South Hadley (6 to the high school and 6 to various sites in Town).
 - 11 trees planted at the high school (1 Red Maple from Class of 1956, 5 Birches, and 5 American Smoketrees).
 - 1 Heritage Birch tree planted by the DPW Forestry Division at Belfry Park along Clarke Street as part of the annual Arbor Day ceremony, staged by the Civic Improvement Committee of the Lexington Field and Garden Club, who bought and distributed 100 River Birch seedlings and 500 Spruce tree seedlings free to participants, nursery school children, and all kindergartners in town.
 - 3 commemorative trees: The first was a Princeton American Elm, the first memorial tree of the Committee's Commemorative Tree Program, planted in Tower Park to celebrate the life of Kathy Yates, an active member of the Lexington Field and Garden Club and a lover and protector of trees. The second was a Scarlet Oak planted on the Common in celebration of the lives of Shirley and Alexander Dolberg. The third was a Red Maple planted near the Bikeway and Buckman Tavern in memory of Hermann Haus.
 - 10 tree seedlings (5 Red Maple and 5 Striped Maple) planted in swampy areas at Lincoln Park.
 - 26 trees planted on public land at Harrington School, Hastings School, and various public grounds and right-of-way locations throughout Town.
- The DPW Forestry Division removed 153 trees and pruned 84 trees in 2006.

- **Tree Bylaw:** Reviewed permit applications for tree removal on private land under the Tree Bylaw. Since October 1, 2001, a total of 476 sites have been visited; 326 sites have been closed out. 565 trees were approved for removal, of which 264 have been removed. As mitigation 1,343 new trees are required to be planted, of which 610 have been planted. This continues to be a successful program.

Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation Planning and Education Grant:

- Implementation of \$19,660 grant from 2005.
- A mailer was sent out to all households in Lexington that contained a history of planting and caring for trees in Lexington for more than a century, information on the Lexington Tree Management Manual, a report on the Lexington Tree Inventory 2004-2005, a description of the Memorial/Commemorative Tree Program with an appeal to citizens for tree planting funds and for support in encouraging Town Meeting and Selectmen to develop a tree replacement policy, and a flyer promoting the Tree Committee's 2006 Lecture Series "Six Views of the Urban Forest."
- The Lecture Series included six Wednesday evening talks throughout 2006: "The Role of Trees in the Urban Environment" by Peter del Tredici of the Arnold Arboretum; "Invasive Woody Plants of Lexington's Roadsides" by Peter Alden, author of nature field guides; "Urban Forestry: The Broader Benefits" by Jane Calvin, forester, and Clarissa Rowe, landscape architect; "Forests on the Edge – Linking Northeastern Wildlands and the Urban Forest" by Jad Daley of the Northern Forest Alliance; "In Homage to Wood – Native Trees for the Urban Forest and Garden" by William Cullina, director, New England Wildflower Nurseries; and "Implementing a Tree Management Program in

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From left to right: Nell Walker, Gerry Paul, Anne Senning, John Frey, Kathy Yates Memorial Princeton American Elm, Jim Woods, Jeanne Krieger (Selectman liaison), David Pinsonneault (Tree Warden), Markus Pinney, Karen Longeteig.

- Lexington” by David Pinsonneault, superintendent of Lexington’s public grounds and Town Tree Warden.
- Purchased and programmed second hand-held computer. Entered maps of parcels north of Town. Explored integrating CartéGraphe work-order system with tree inventory database.
 - **Tree Inventory:** This year, the Committee and volunteers inventoried 332 trees with one hand-held computer (179 at Belfry Hill and Park and 153 in public rights-of-way in the area north of the Center that had been converted to a GIS database).
 - **New Grant Application to DCR Started:** Worked on application for a matching grant to fund 2007 summer interns. Intent is to work in partnership with Greater Boston Urban Forest Institute and others with the goal of completing Lexington’s tree inventory in 2007.
 - **Tree Nursery:** Received approval from the Conservation Commission to begin a town tree nursery near Lower Vine Brook south of East Street pending state approval. This effort is motivated by a desire to lower the cost of trees supplied to the Town. Application made to the state Department of Environmental Protection for a permit to work near Vine Brook and wetlands. Upon receipt, an entryway will be created and the nursery area mown. No cultivation is planned for the initial plantings. To minimize planting time and disturbance to the area, special tree planting bags will be used and an auger to dig the holes. Watering arrangements have been made with hoses donated by Guy Doran. An initial planting of 125 to 150 trees is expected.
 - **Tree Revolving Fund:** Spring 2005 Town Meeting (FY06) approved the Tree Revolving Fund with a private donation level of \$75,000.00. As of July 11, 2006, all funds in the Selectmen’s Tree Gift Account had been transferred and consolidated into the Tree Revolving Fund. No town money is involved with this account. At the close of 2006, the balance was \$6,383.09. All requests for expenditure from this revolving fund must be approved through the Board of Selectmen.
 - **Tree City USA:** Award received again this year, the seventeenth Tree City USA Award for the Town.
 - **Memorial Tree Fund:** Changed name to Commemorative Tree Fund. Revised color brochure; explains the procedure for donating a commemorative tree to the town; available for all who wish to commemorate a person or an event or just do a good deed. Brochures can be picked up at the Library, DPW barn, or from the publications rack outside the Clerk’s office in the Town Office Building.
 - **Tree Committee Strategy:** A Strategy Subcommittee identified major areas of focus for the Tree Committee and identified 10 initiatives to further the work in these areas.
 - **Community Outreach:**
 - “Tree Talk,” a series of articles about trees by Committee members has continued to be published more or less monthly in the Lexington Minuteman newspaper. Topics published in 2006: “Propagating Trees” by James Jones, Feb 9; “Tree Protection During Construction” by John Frey, Apr 6 & 13; “Diversify Tree Planting This Fall” by Karen Longeteig, Oct 12; and “Winter Moths Are Here; How to Help” by Karen Longeteig, Dec 7. In addition, the Colonial Times published a two-page color spread titled “Is Asiatic Bittersweet Killing Your Trees?” by Gerry Paul, Nov/Dec.
 - The Committee urged the Battle Green Inn (Lexington Commons) developers and designers to plan for trees on Waltham Street using structural soil technical specifications and specifying small trees that would be satisfactory under the overhead wires.
 - Worked with Sidewalk Committee, Center Committee, and Accessibility Committee on specifications for replacement sidewalk in part of the Center. Initiated idea of using Cornell University structural soil for base under sidewalks in Lexington center to provide a better and larger growing medium for street trees, which are suffering under present conditions. ■

Water and Sewer Rate Study Committee

Water and Sewer Rate Study Committee

ROLE: To advise the Selectmen regarding the methodology, structuring, and assumptions made in determining the water and sewer rates; to consider the feasibility of continuing to appropriate funds through the water and sewer enterprise accounts in lieu of tax payments; to examine the strengths and weaknesses of the inclining block rate system and consider the assumptions made to determine the accountability of direct and indirect charges that are part of the rate setting process. The Committee should consider the effect of any recommended changes.

APPOINTED by the Board of Selectmen: Chair Loren Wood, Kathryn Benjamin, Paul Chernick, Lorraine Fournier, Ann Gilbert, Dave Laredo, Jim Osten, Wade Tambor, and Bruce Williams. Selectmen Liaison Richard Pagett. Appropriation Liaisons John Bartenstein and Richard Eurich. Department of Public Works Liaisons Bill Hadley and Dennis Meehan.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Consulted with and advised the Town regarding implementation of the recommendations contained in the Committee’s 2005 Report.
- Continued to maintain cognizance of Enterprise Fund finances and policies. ■

Sidewalk Committee

ROLE: To advise the Board of Selectmen on sidewalk policies and walking in Lexington. In developing recommendations, the Committee seeks broad citizen input to support and encourage implementation of the recommendations of the Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan for increasing pedestrian activity and reducing traffic by considering the adequacy of the town-wide sidewalk network to safely address the Town's recreation and commuter needs.

APPOINTED by the Board of Selectmen for 3-year terms, commencing March 2005. Committee was created by the Board of Selectmen at its meeting on November 29, 2004. At the beginning of 2006, membership included 20 voting members: Chair Craig Weeks (PTA), Lisa Baci (Neighborhood), Sue-Ellen Briggs (PTA), Victoria Buckley (Commission on Disability), Frank Cavatora (Neighborhood), Laura Cecere (PTA), Judy Crocker (PTA), John Davies (Planning Board), Lucy Fletcher-Jones (PTA), Ankur Gupta (PTA), Olga Guttag (School Committee), Tracey Herbert (PTA), Jerry Van Hook (Bicycle Committee), Jeanne Kreiger (Board of Selectmen), Steve Kropper (Resident), Marianne Lazarus (Resident), Stephanie Mitzenmacher (Neighborhood), Sue Solomon (League of Women Voters), Jean Williams (Resident), and an open seat (Board of Health). Significantly contributing Town of Lexington staff were Wayne Brooks (DPW), Paul Jenkins (Police Department), Francine Stieglitz (Transportation Advisory Committee), and Gail Wagner (Transportation Coordinator). Members who resigned during the course of the year were Tracey Herbert (PTA), Steve Kropper (Resident), and Stephanie Mitzenmacher (Neighborhood).

HIGHLIGHTS

- Bridge Elementary School received an Environmental Merit Award from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency honoring the school's hard work and commitment to protecting our natural resources through its successful implementation of the Safe Routes to School program.
- Initiated Safe Routes to Schools programs at Bowman and Hastings elementary schools, reducing car counts and increasing the number of students walking or riding to school
- Began preparations for 2007 Safe Routes to Schools programs at Diamond Middle School and Estabrook, Fiske, and Harrington elementary schools.
- Provided the DPW with a recommended priority list of school bus stops and adjacent sidewalks for snow removal. The DPW has obtained signs to mark these stops for the benefit of private snow plowing companies in an effort to increase student safety by keeping the sidewalks and school bus stops clear with good lines of sight along the roadway.
- Began compiling a comprehensive list of the most active roads and pathways used in Lexington, targeting primary destinations throughout the town to allow prioritization of repair of existing sidewalks and recommendations for new sidewalks.
- Received capital appropriations of \$200,000 from Town Meeting for sidewalk repair in FY06/07 and \$100,000 for



Front row from left to right Lucy Fletcher-Jones, Craig Weeks, Jerry van Hook, John Davies. Back row from left to right: Francine Stieglitz, Marianne Lazarus, Wayne Brooks, Jeanne Krieger, Judy Crocker, Olga Guttag.

the sidewalk along the south side of Massachusetts Avenue in the center. Worked with the Engineering Department, the DPW, and the Center, Design Advisory, and Tree committees to assess the best use of the \$100,000 appropriation.

- Requested that the DPW use some of the money appropriated at Town Meeting for sidewalk maintenance and repair for the installation of a new crosswalk and sidewalk section connecting the existing sidewalk on Marrett Road to the existing sidewalk at the top of Prospect Hill Road along a narrow, steep section of Prospect Hill Road that is presently unsafe but is heavily used by students traveling to and from Clarke Middle School and Bridge Elementary School.
- Coordinated discussions between the Police Department, Engineering Department, DPW, Traffic Safety Advisory Committee, School Department, and Safe Routes to Schools committees to install new sidewalks and crosswalks in priority areas to enhance the safety of students.
- Maintained the Sidewalk Committee Website (<http://ci.lexington.ma.us/lexsidewalkcommittee/>), updated monthly, to keep the public current on activities and plans for future work.
- Maintained an e-mail address to receive public commentary on the Committee's activities to receive suggestions and comments about public safety issues related to sidewalks and pathways. Forwarded e-mails as necessary to the appropriate town department for action.
- Continued to publish newspaper articles and letters describing the responsibilities of the Town and private property owners relative to public rights of way (the 4-10 feet or more along each road and street that many people think of as exclusively under their control), discussing snow management as it relates to school bus routes and walking access to schools and Lexington center, and promoting more accessible public rights of way.
- Prepared an informational insert, mailed in December 2006 with third-quarter tax bills, reminding residents to keep sidewalks clear and free of obstacles as a courtesy to their neighbors and fellow residents. ■

Electric Utility *Ad Hoc* Committee

ROLE: To study issues related to engine idling and to recommend whether Town Meeting should adopt anti-idling regulations

APPOINTED by the Town Moderator: Cochairs Anthony Galaitsis and Ingrid Klimoff, Judy Crocker, Tom Diaz, Anne Kelly, Jeanne Krieger, Sheryl Mason, Jim Sheehy, Jim Wilson, Board of Health and Town Staff Liaison Derek Fullerton, and Police Department liaison Mark Corr.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Held 11 full committee meetings and several subcommittee meetings.
- Prepared and delivered a work-in-progress report to 2006 Town Meeting.
- Reviewed and performed a preliminary evaluation of the baseline engine-idling data associated with student drop-off and pick-up at Lexington public schools. (High school student volunteers gathered the data.)
- Discussed extensively the pros and cons of anti-idling con-

trol implementation under existing state law, a potential town bylaw, or a Board of Health regulation.

- Reviewed relevant documents on engine idling and engine emissions found in the open literature.
- Reviewed idling time limits considered by other towns or states.
- Discussed upcoming low emissions legislation.
- Began the implementation of an anti-idling education program, including publication of newspaper ads, preparation of flyers to be distributed as friendly reminders to engine idlers, communications with various organizations to solicit support of the anti-idling program, application for a Metropolitan Area Planning Council grant for anti-idling sign installation cost, preparation of a list of candidate locations for anti-idling signs, presentations for approval of sign installation at locations under the Selectmen's and School Committee's jurisdiction, and sign installation at prominent engine idling locations at most public schools.
- Initiated preparation of a report to 2007 Town Meeting ■

Energy Conservation Committee

ROLE: To advise town officials on ways to enhance energy conservation throughout the Town's existing physical plant, including but not limited to all municipal and school buildings, streetlights, vehicles, and equipment. To consider the feasibility of developing energy conservation standards and make any recommendations for implementation where there is likely to be a reasonable payback. To make recommendations for implementing organizational changes to provide ongoing monitoring and management of energy costs and complement any work currently being undertaken by the Electric Utility *Ad Hoc* Committee and the Permanent Building Committee.

FY06 energy expenses total \$3.7 million. Energy budget was \$921,000; schools was \$2,837,000

APPOINTED by the Board of Selectmen: Chair Christopher Haines, Secretary Steven Kropper, Alessandro Alessandrini, Paul Chernick, Myla Kabat-Zinn, Keith Ohmart. Liaisons: Department of Public Works Director William Hadley, School Department Director of Facilities William Hartigan, Selectman Hank Manz, School Committee Ravi Sakhuja, Planning Board Greg Zurlo and Roger Borghesani.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Worked with Director of Facilities of the School Department to make improvements in the energy performance of Clarke and Diamond Middle Schools and Lexington High School. Energy costs were reduced \$273,000. Focused on researching feasibility of roof-mounted gas-fired units as an alternative to the now all-electric heating at Clarke Middle School (formerly hybrid heat pump/resistance heating).

- During the year, the School Department repaired existing or installed new controls that enabled monitoring and (at certain locations) control of major energy systems at Diamond, Clarke, and the High School.
- Initiated an energy benchmarking program that yields monthly usage reports on all schools and evaluated the High School energy efficiency as 38 (low) on a scale of 0 to 100. Reporting drives decisions on where to focus scarce maintenance resources and capital spending.
- Launched a street lighting bulb replacement program that will reduce energy and costs for the town; 1,000 incandescent bulbs are scheduled for replacement with energy-saving fluorescent bulbs by the third quarter of 2007. Proposed to the Selectman and Town Manager that the purchase of incandescent lights in town be banned because of their poor energy efficiency.
- Worked extensively with the Permanent Building Committee, the project architect, and the Selectman to evaluate energy costs and design features for the proposed DPW building. Provided information, perspectives, and recommendations on how to reduce capital costs and ongoing energy costs; this process is expected to continue for the duration of the project.
- Provided an extensive report to the Selectman on committee activities and energy savings that have already been implemented.
- Worked with the Global Warming Action Coalition to launch reporting and reduction programs on municipal emissions of greenhouse gasses under the Cities for Climate Protection program. ■

School Committee

Expenditures	FY06	FY05
<i>Operating Expenses</i>	\$71,036,577	\$66,881,946
Personnel	829.04 FTEs	829.04 FTEs

ROLE: To hire, supervise, and evaluate the Superintendent of Schools; to develop school policies; to approve operating and capital budgets for the schools; to advocate for school concerns to other town officials, boards, and the community; to act as liaison between the School Department and the community; and to govern Lexington Public Schools in areas not governed by state or federal law.

ELECTED to 3-year terms: Chair Tom Díaz, Vice Chair Tom Griffiths, Helen Cohen, Ravi Sakhuja, Olga Guttag. Elected to one-year term: Student Representative Toni Maeck.

Dr. Paul Ash, an experienced school superintendent, directed the school system beginning July 1, 2005, and is to be commended for building and managing a new Central Administration, continuing our tradition of excellent public education.

School Policies

The School Committee approved a new Field Trip Policy in February, a new Wellness Policy in June, and a new Criminal Offender Record Information Policy in October. The Committee also voted in June to change the school calendar to begin in late August, beginning with the 2007/08 school year.

Operating Budget

The school department finished FY06 with a small surplus of just under \$1,000.

As a result of the failure of override Questions 1 and 2, the schools lost several landmark programs in FY07, including elementary music, elementary Spanish, and intensive high school science. The School Department continues to work hard to meet the challenge of providing excellent college preparatory education despite the pressure of rising costs, underfunded mandates, and citizen resistance to tax increases.

Three factors continue to drive the cost of maintaining our existing school programs upward: increases in unit energy costs, significantly higher insurance premiums, and underfunded state mandates. A fourth budget driver, student enrollment, also increased from an already high level during the 2005/06 school year. Because these four factors alone resulted in cost increases well above the amount permissible under Proposition 2½, an override referendum was needed just to maintain existing services.

The Superintendent and the School Committee also recognized and planned for two other needs for FY07: to restore certain services and programs lost to the schools as a result of the defeat of the 2003 override and to ensure, through new programs, improvements in the maintenance of school buildings and conservation of energy. These needs generated three override referendum questions; Question 1 primarily addressed existing services, Question 2 primarily restored lost services, and Question 3 funded new preventive maintenance and energy conservation programs.

Voters rejected Questions 1 and 2 in the June 6 referendum, each by a small margin. The Superintendent was required to eliminate more than 32 positions as the result of the failure of Question 1 and to forgo the restoration of supplies, budgets, and positions eliminated as a result of the 2003 override defeat. The defeat of Question 1 also triggered the imposition of \$328,715 in fee increases.

Members of the School Committee, along with other activists in the community and throughout the state, successfully lobbied the state legislature to begin restoring Chapter 70 aid, METCO aid, and aid to municipal departments after many years of stagnation. Although the legislature did not complete the state FY07 budget until the Town's budget was already voted, these efforts resulted in increased aid income of more than \$800,000 to Lexington's schools, money that began arriving after the opening of school in September.

The Superintendent and School Committee reserved approximately \$260,000 in the FY07 base budget to fund out-of-district tuition for existing students who were expected to need education in out-of-district schools during the 2006/07 school year. The School Committee, the Selectmen, and the Appropriation Committee voted on March 29, 2006, on a plan to ensure that regular education programs would not be affected if these reserved funds were not adequate. By early summer, it was clear that out-of-district tuitions and related expenses would overrun the budget by a significant amount. The School Department requested supplemental funds at a Special Town Meeting in late November 2006. Town Meeting overwhelmingly approved the appropriation of these funds, and fortuitously, most of the funds were available because of the \$800,000 increase in state aid recently received.

Capital

The passage of override Question 3 enabled the school department to implement new maintenance and energy programs despite the cutbacks made in academic areas.

A beautiful new Fiske School was near completion at the end

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of 2006. The plan is to move the school from its temporary space in the old Harrington School building and occupy the new school in February 2007. The project appears to be coming in at or below budget.

In the fall and winter of 2006, the School Department received a report from architectural consultants and the Permanent Building Committee on a master plan for the four remaining elementary schools (Harrington and Fiske having been rebuilt). The master plan recommended reconstruction of three of the four schools and predicted that enrollment declines would warrant closure of one elementary school. Hastings was suggested as the school to be closed because of the challenge of building on the site where it is located.

The School Committee accepted the report but did not vote to close a school in the near future, reserving that decision for a later time. By the time new elementary school construction would necessitate swing space—at least one or two years in the future—there will be better evidence of the extent of enrollment decline.

Following other recommendations in the master plan, the School Committee voted unanimously to relocate the schools' Central Administration to the old Harrington



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From left to right: Student representative Toni Maeck, Members Helen Cohen, Tom Griffiths (vice chair), Tom Díaz (chair), Olga Guttag, and Ravi Sakhuja.

School building in FY08, subject to approval by the Permanent Building Committee and the appropriation of necessary funds at the 2007 annual Town Meeting. This relocation would release the current building (the white house) to the Selectmen for other uses.

Redistricting

At the end of 2006, a process was nearing completion for redrawing the district lines for Lexington's six elementary

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Lexington Public School Enrollments		2006-2007 Projected	2006-2007 Actual	2007-2008 Projected
Elementary Schools				
Bowman, 9 Philip Road, <i>built 1967</i>	<i>Leonard Swanton, Interim Principal</i>	458	473	528
Bridge, 55 Middleby Road, <i>built 1966</i>	<i>Barbara Manfredi, Principal</i>	540	536	537
Estabrook, 117 Grove Street, <i>built 1960</i>	<i>Joni Jay, Principal</i>	446	446	452
Fiske, 34A Colony Road, <i>built 1948</i>	<i>Nancy Peterson, Principal</i>	339	346	342
Harrington, 146 Maple Street, <i>built 1956</i>	<i>David Crump, Principal</i>	388	380	376
Hastings, 2618 Mass. Avenue, <i>built 1955</i>	<i>Steven Adler, Principal</i>	480	482	459
Total Elementary Students, Grades K-5		2651	2663	2694
Middle Schools				
Clarke, 17 Stedman Road, <i>built 1972</i>	<i>Steven Flynn, Principal</i>	731	747	765
Diamond, 99 Hancock Street, <i>built 1957</i>	<i>Joanne Hennessy, Principal</i>	824	822	807
Total Middle School Students, Grades 6-8		1555	1569	1572
Lexington High School, 251 Waltham Street, <i>built 1950</i>	<i>Michael Jones, Principal</i>	1981	1967	2027
Total High School Students, Grades 9-12		1981	1967	2027
Total Student Enrollment		6187	6199	6293
<p><small>*Source: School Department document "Three and Ten-Year Enrollment Forecasts," November 8, 2006.</small></p> <p><small>**FY08 numbers for elementary schools do not reflect the anticipated changes to school district lines. FY08 numbers include estimated student population at the new Avalon rental development.</small></p>				

schools. A committee working with and advising the Superintendent did the technical work. The committee was made up of two parent representatives from each of the six schools, along with School Committee members Tom Griffiths and Olga Gutttag. The main objectives of the new district lines were to relieve overcrowding in certain schools, such as Bowman and Bridge, and to use the full capacity of new buildings such as the new Fiske School.

Liaison to Community and Advocate for the Lexington Public Schools

Lexington provides an excellent education for its students, and the School Committee looks forward to a stable, strong,

and dynamic era in the schools. Thanks go to the students, the faculty, the administration, the parents, the PTAs, the Town leadership, and the Town for their success.

The administration maintains an active website that includes the entire budget book for citizens to study, in addition to Committee minutes and news. The aim of the School Department and the School Committee is an education for the children and youth of this community that will prepare them for a productive, responsible, healthy, and fulfilling adulthood in our complex world. ■

Superintendent of Schools

Superintendent of Schools

ROLE: As Chief Executive Officer of Lexington's nine public schools, the Superintendent of Schools provides educational leadership through budget preparation, program development, and supervision of all academic, special education, and extracurricular programs for children in grades K-12. The Superintendent reports to an elected School Committee, enforces the policies and goals of this Committee, and upholds the laws and requirements determined by the federal government and state of Massachusetts. The Superintendent also works in cooperation with other communities to oversee collaborative programs for students with identified learning disabilities.

APPOINTED by the School Committee: Dr. Paul B. Ash on July 1, 2005.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- The Lexington Public Schools continued their long tradition of excellence in education. This past year, the school system continued its commitment to improving curriculum and instruction. We revised all budget and financial reporting processes, identified major facility needs, and took steps to lower energy consumption. In addition, the Student Services Department analyzed our special education program to make improvements and retain more students within the district.
- Managing last year's budget deficit was a challenge, and the overall budget process was a major focus. We developed a new budget that would maintain Lexington's high-quality education, reduce class sizes, and add critical new programs. Because the override did not pass, new programs were eliminated from the budget, some existing positions were cut, fees were raised, and some department budgets were cut significantly.
- Any summary of the goals and challenges we faced throughout the past year must begin with the following three values, which are at the heart of all we endeavor to do.
 - Academic excellence
 - Respectful and caring relationships

- A culture of reflection, conversation, collaboration, and commitment to continuous improvement

- The major changes over the past 12 months are described below.

Students and Programs

- We developed a system-wide six-year curriculum review and evaluation process that began this year with the review of Mathematics and Health/Wellness. Lexington is committed to educating all students to the highest possible standards.
- We offered a MCAS tutoring program at the high school that was supported by a Department of Education grant.
- We continued our partnership with the Boston College Lynch School of Education to create data management systems and to use the data to analyze and integrate information regarding student performance.
- We continued to develop more in-house special education programs in order to eliminate the need for some out-of-district placements. Despite a reserve of \$260,000 to cover unpredicted costs associated with new special education out-of-district placements, new special education placements cost far more than the reserves we set aside. The School Committee requested additional funding at the November Special Town Meeting. State and federally imposed mandates, which receive inadequate government funding, continue to be key drivers in the budget for all public schools, including the Lexington Public Schools.

Teacher Quality and Professional Development

- A continued hallmark of our schools is our exceptional faculty and staff. This past year, we focused on the "Action Research" model to support teacher professional development. Teachers worked in teams to identify instructional areas needing improvement and developed new and innovative teaching strategies that would have a positive effect on student achievement.

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- The K-5 Literacy Initiative was a focus this past year. We offered comprehensive professional development to all K-5 teachers to improve the quality of our literacy instruction. We will continue to provide this professional development to all new K-5 teachers in the Lexington Public Schools.
- We reviewed the process used to hire professional staff and implemented changes that will accelerate the hiring timetable and improve the quality of candidates hired.

Facilities Management

- Enrollment projections indicate a continued decline in K-5 student enrollment. Based on these projections and the condition of the four older K-5 schools, we developed a K-5 Facilities Master Plan.
- The Redistricting Committee met throughout the fall and presented recommendations to the School Committee in December. Public hearings were held to receive input from the public, and the Redistricting Committee was scheduled to meet again in January to consider this input.
- We worked closely with the Permanent Building Committee on the Fiske School Construction project, which is scheduled to open after February vacation.
- We worked with an architect to determine the cost of renovating the current Central Office administrative building. The architect determined that renovating the building was not cost effective. In December, the School Committee decided that the Central Administration would relocate to the old Harrington School in September, subject to sufficient funding being appropriated at 2007 Town Meeting.
- We took steps to lower energy consumption. For example, we lowered the cost of electricity at Clarke Middle School by

\$138,000 per year by upgrading the electrical systems.

- We are working with the Lexington Police and Fire Departments to improve our district-wide incident-management system to ensure school safety.

It has been an exciting and rewarding experience working within this fine system and in this tremendous community.

Student Achievement

Lexington students continue to achieve at high levels, based on local standards and on national examinations. ■

Lexington Public Schools 2005-06 Summary of Outside Funding

These funds enable the school system to provide services beyond the scope of the regular budget. The total below does not include PTA and other support group fundraising estimated annually at \$250,000. Each of these grants or fees is put into a separate revenue account with the Town Treasurer, and the funds are spent on the approved items not included in the Town appropriated school budget. ■

FEDERAL	
Title I	\$ 249,787
SPED Students with Autism	\$ 75,000
Special Education Professional Development	\$ 15,000
SPED Mental Health	\$ 45,000
SPED 94-142/IDEA	\$ 1,377,297
Early Childhood/Mainstreaming for Pre-School	\$ 41,618
Title V Instruction/Technology	\$ 7,888
Title IIA Educator Quality	\$ 114,402
Title IID Technology Integration	\$ 8,444
Title III Limited English Proficient	\$ 45,860
Title IV Drug Free Schools	\$ 20,071
Total Federal Funds	\$ 2,000,367
STATE	
METCO	\$ 1,359,206
Enhanced School Health	\$ 116,282
Academic Support Services	\$ 7,330
Total State Funds	\$ 1,482,818
LOCAL	
Lexington Education Foundation (FY05)	\$ 235,222
FEES	
Transportation	\$ 710,952
Athletics and Athletics Gate Receipts	\$ 278,932
Building Rental and Extended Day Program	\$ 117,078
Medicaid Reimbursement	\$ 34,848
Total Fees	\$ 1,141,810
COMMUNITY, CORPORATE, AND PRIVATE DONATIONS	
Gifts to Schools	\$ 21,947
GRAND TOTAL ALL SOURCES	\$ 4,882,164

Lexington High School Class of 2006

Size of class	452
Continuing education	91.6%
4-year college	87.3%
2-year college	2.4%
Other schooling	1.9%
Year off	2.0%
Other	1.1%
Undertermined	5.3%

National Merit Scholarship Program Class of 2005

Semi-finalists	25
Letters of Commendation	69

2005-06 Advanced Placement Tests

Number of Students	537
Total Grades Reported	868
Grade of 5	384
Grade of 3	156
Grade of 2	52
Grade of 1	23

School Expenditures by Line Item

	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007
Personnel & Benefits					
Administrative Offices	\$ 684,378	\$ 721,297	\$ 809,334	\$ 861,712	\$ 855,669
Principals and Assistants	1,987,930	2,090,203	1,976,031	2,199,756	2,244,200
Sub-toal Administration	\$ 2,672,308	\$ 2,811,500	\$ 2,785,365	\$ 3,061,468	\$ 3,099,869
*All LEA Personnel	*	*	*	\$35,082,375	\$36,011,057
Supervisors/Coordinators	\$ 1,117,301	\$ 1,123,882	\$ 1,168,217	*	+
Classroom Teachers	27,251,897	29,074,667	29,355,732	*	+
Instructional Materials Specialists (Library)	651,114	705,482	747,672	*	+
Guidance Counselors	1,239,381	1,365,484	1,387,189	*	+
Psychologists	341,650	359,740	396,335	*	+
*Social Workers	114,965	103,071	239,896	*	+
Nurses	\$ 482,925	\$ 491,307	\$ 543,926	*	\$ 634,727
*Severance Pay	*	*	*	*	+
*Special Needs Staff	*	*	*	*	+
Instructional Assistants (Tutors)	1,667,568	1,448,020	1,766,974	1,896,028	3,231,031
Building Aides/Clerical	1,128,742	1,166,446	1,082,237	954,889	+
Admin. Assistants & Secretaries	1,587,203	1,711,844	1,680,520	1,678,455	1,731,310
*Coaches/Officials	510,280	545,995	443,599	473,948	532,585
Stipends (Extra Duty)	81,951	144,167	151,097	143,565	189,876
*Special Needs Assistants	*	*	*	*	+
Sub-total Curriculum & Instruction	\$ 36,174,977	\$36,036,954	\$38,963,394	\$40,229,260	\$42,330,586
*Nurse Substitutes	\$ 10,633	\$ 10,295	\$ 9,341	\$ 14,462	\$ 9,230
*Admin. Assists. & Secretary Substitute	20,989	27,681	24,265	34,170	30,815
*Doctors	*	*	*	*	
Computer Technicians/Facilitators	521,321	532,844	510,483	390,391	417,780
Custodians and Maintenance Staff	1,975,248	2,065,590	2,139,312	2,088,695	2,046,965
*Custodian Overtime	405,304	297,999	48,124	176,800	89,334
Crossing Guards	97,887	114,232	103,962	109,334	104,929
*Sick Leave Buy Back	14,500	*	*	*	+
Student Programmers	*	*	*	*	+
Sub-total Operations & Maintenance	\$ 3,045,882	\$ 3,048,641	\$ 2,835,487	\$ 2,813,852	\$ 2,699,053
Workers' Compensation	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	+
FICA/Medicare Tax	441,980	488,828	511,814	546,890	586,817
Employee Benefits	5,646,707	6,770,091	8,311,132	9,088,431	9,797,000
Sub-total Benefits	\$ 6,088,687	\$ 7,258,919	\$ 8,822,946	\$ 9,635,321	\$10,383,817
Sub-total Personnel & Benefits	\$ 47,981,854	\$51,359,165	\$53,407,192	\$55,739,901	\$58,513,325

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	<i>2002-2003*</i>	<i>2003-2004*</i>	<i>2004-2005*</i>	<i>2005-2006</i>	<i>2006-2007</i>
<i>Services, Supplies & Equipment</i>					
Printing	\$ 6,309	\$ 10,671	\$ 4,668	\$ 9,703	\$ 6,638
*Police/Security	3,970	7,028	3,999	3,643	4,271
*Professional Services	390,680	551,708	615,101	790,782	471,274
Office Supplies	137,280	126,903	93,477	102,573	98,363
*Report Cards/Progress Reports	*	*	*	*	+
*Handbooks	*	*	*	*	+
*Membership	*	*	*	*	+
*Newsletter	*	*	*	*	+
Sub-total Administrative Services & Supplies	\$ 538,239	\$ 696,310	\$ 717,245	\$ 906,701	\$ 580,546
Consultant Services	\$ 501,189	\$ 253,981	\$ 101,686	\$ 152,046	\$ 121,650
*Consultant Services for Students	488,749	388,425	511,595	691,741	596,914
*Special Testing	*	*	*	*	+
*Meeting Expenses	1,730	1,903	*	*	+
*Professional Expenses	132,300	138,252	124,460	167,289	80,351
*Periodicals and Newspapers	*	*	*	*	+
*Recruiting Materials	*	*	*	*	+
*Professional Books/Subscriptions	*	*	*	*	+
*Student Publications	*	*	*	*	+
*Film Rental	*	*	*	*	+
Equipment Rental	35,523	44,303	*	*	623
*Building Rental	93,870	47,066	84,101	15,067	65,103
Teaching Supplies	470,757	474,282	369,744	746,760	772,844
Textbooks	285,613	316,247	183,517	179,553	119,073
*School Based Initiatives	49,549	39,115	6,994		6,549
Library Books and Cataloging	52,444	73,085	53,482	54,526	56,995
Computer Software	66,210	49,074	30,571	16,576	32,278
*Instructional Media	18,072	18,960	5,588	0	5,908
Media Purchase	*	*	*	*	+
*Staff Travel	67,993	102,400	31,763	31,600	27,593
Travel and Meetings Intrastate	*	*	*	*	+
Travel Out of State	*	*	*	*	+
Travel Within Lexington	*	*	*	*	+
Field Trips	4,911	10,022	1,935	1,441	- 0
Other Transportation	156,104	159,980	155,774	185,237	171,723
Sub-total Instructional Services & Supplies	\$ 2,425,014	\$ 2,117,095	\$ 1,661,210	\$ 2,241,836	\$ 2,057,604
Tuition Day/Resident	\$ 2,505,883	\$ 2,667,052	\$ 2,624,832	\$ 2,710,703	\$ 3,682,533
Sub-total Special Education Tuition	\$ 2,505,883	\$ 2,667,052	\$ 2,624,832	\$ 2,710,703	\$ 3,682,533

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	<i>2002-2003*</i>	<i>2003-2004*</i>	<i>2004-2005*</i>	<i>2005-2006</i>	<i>2006-2007</i>
*Pupil Transportation-Regular	\$ 991,992	\$ 948,078	\$ 880,502	\$ 1,010,820	\$ 1,297,759
*Pupil Transportation-SPED	543,760	594,228	684,556	697,737	862,018
*Pupil Transportation-Special Needs, in Town	*	*	*	*	+
*Pupil Transportation-Special Needs, outside	*	*	*	*	+
Sub-total Support Services	\$ 1,535,752	\$ 1,542,306	\$ 1,565,058	\$ 1,708,557	\$ 2,159,777
*Facilities Services & Repair	\$ 104,623	\$ 104,921	\$ 87,000	\$ 100,842	\$ 195,779
*Built-in Items/Bldg. Repairs	*	*	*	*	+
*Electrical (Repairs)	*	*	*	*	+
*Plumbing (Repairs)	*	*	*	*	+
*Heating (Repairs)	*	*	*	*	+
*Painting	*	*	*	*	+
*Roofing (Repairs)	*	*	*	*	+
*Glass (Repairs)	*	*	*	*	+
*Elevator Service and Repair	*	*	*	*	+
*Other Property Services (Repairs)	*	*	*	*	+
*Equipment Service/Maintenance	604,421	451,070	420,746	165,250	685,872
*Mop Rental	*	*	*	*	+
*Insect Control	*	*	*	*	+
Electricity	704,955	1,005,159	1,012,495	1,179,206	1,733,811
Fuel-Heating	483,036	269,585	217,707	326,122	386,510
Gas (Bottled and Natural)	83,752	293,355	556,353	578,218	620,984
Water Consumption	38,000	14,482	13,466	38,116	30,209
Telephone	189,549	188,417	152,895	185,871	157,259
Other Supplies	168,385	209,718	107,489	177,631	+
*Postage & Mailing	54,199	65,502	50,610	38,149	40,957
*Building & Grounds Supplies	475,291	167,161	120,255	121,909	155,005
*Repair of Plant (Supplies)	*	*	*	*	+
*Repair of Grounds (Supplies)	*	*	*	*	+
Vehicle Parts, Gas, Oil	25,753	22,872	25,821	42,473	36,406
*Other General	*	*	*		+
Sub-total Maintenaance & Operations	\$ 2,931,964	\$ 2,792,242	\$ 2,764,837	\$ 2,953,787	\$ 4,042,792
*Outlay & Replacement of Equipment	\$ 75,623	\$ 320,264	\$ 47,080	\$ 92,283	+
*New Equipment	*	*	*	*	+
*Replacement of Equipment	*	*	*	*	+
Sub-total Equipment	\$ 75,623	\$ 320,264	\$ 47,080	\$ 92,283	\$ 0
Sub-total Services, Supplies & Equipment	\$10,012,475	\$10,135,269	\$ 9,380,262	\$10,613,867	\$12,523,252
Personnel & Benefits	\$47,981,854	\$51,359,165	\$53,407,192	\$55,739,901	\$58,513,325
Services, Supplies & Equipment	10,012,475	10,135,269	9,380,262	10,613,867	12,523,252
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$57,994,329	\$61,494,434	\$62,787,454	\$66,353,768	\$71,036,577

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Minuteman Regional High School

Expenditures	FY 06	FY 05
<i>Payroll</i>	\$10,260,494	\$10,046,068
<i>Expenses</i>	\$ 5,438,661	\$ 5,298,271
<i>Total Budget</i>	\$15,699,155	\$15,344,339
<i>Lexington's Assessed Share</i>	\$ 830,234	\$ 833,267

REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPOINTED by each town's Moderator. Marjorie Daggett was appointed as Lexington's representative in July 2005 for a 3-year term. The other 15 towns that make up the "member towns" are Acton, Arlington, Belmont, Bolton, Boxborough, Carlisle, Concord, Dover, Lancaster, Lincoln, Needham, Stow, Sudbury, Wayland, and Weston.

Revised Freshman Program

A new Freshman Exploratory program was implemented in fall 2005 so that 9th graders had the full opportunity to experience each of Minuteman's 22 technical programs before choosing a major. The exploratory program runs for the first half of grade 9 and allows freshmen to develop a better understanding of their talents while exposing them to diverse careers.

Enrollment

Nineteen seniors from Lexington High School (in FY06) took elective courses at Minuteman 2 hours per day (1/3 time); thus, 6.3 students will be added to the total number of students for the FY07 assessment.

Enrollment	Oct. 1, 2005	Oct. 1, 2006
Lexington students in Gr. 9-12	43	45
Lexington post-graduate students (regular & special)	9	9
Total students in Gr. 9-12 from the 16 member towns	472 (+48 PG's)	437 (+42 PG's)
Total students from non-member towns	254	245
Total student enrollment	774	724

The Minuteman FY07 total budget was increased to \$16,139,498, and the assessment that Lexington started paying as of July 1, 2006, was \$1,024,817 (based on the 43 students enrolled as of Oct. 1, 2005, plus the students from Lexington High). The FY07 budget represented a 2.8% increase over the FY06 budget. The budget increase was due to contractual agreements, health insurance, maintenance costs, and needed capital equipment. Lexington's assessed share was less in FY06 because the Minuteman-taught middle school course in Technical Literacy was dropped.

Community Service

Students in carpentry; electrical wiring; plumbing; and heating, ventilation, and air conditioning completed construction of a two-family house for the Lexington Housing Authority in partnership with the Lexington Rotary Club. Electrical wiring students completely wired two residential units in Lexington.

Challenges

Finances: Budgets continue to be tightly controlled because Chapter 70 funding from the state is not overly generous, and transportation aid has varied from 40% to 80%. The state government is supposed to fund transportation aid to regional schools at 100%.

The operating budget for FY07 has increased because of the cost of health insurance, benefits, utilities, energy in general, and contracted salary increments. Concerns over the excessive length of time students from Carlisle, Stow, Bolton, and Lancaster spent on the bus have resulted in the addition of an extra bus for those routes. The addition of more students from the member towns, in addition to the rise in the cost of gasoline, has also increased transportation costs.

The School Committee was forced to increase the current-year tuition approximately \$400,000. Less revenue from the State and from non-member tuition and the decision not to sell a Mill St. house in FY05 led to increased use of current-year tuition in FY06 and FY07. The School Committee is concerned about this trend and has asked the Superintendent to develop a 5-year financial plan, such that, within 5 years, we may not need to use current-year tuition. One financial plan will be developed for a school of the current size and another for a smaller school. Some programs may have to be dropped.

In addition, the School Committee asked the Superintendent to lay out a multi-year capital plan. The school opened in 1974 and 30-year-old major pieces of equipment must be replaced soon. Included in the FY06 budget was \$75,000 for capital improvements.

During the FY06 school year, the Minuteman administration, as asked by the School Committee, began to implement a professional accounting system in conjunction with professional financial controls. Two of the three phases were completed in 2006.

Enrollment: Enrollment from the member towns in October 2004 and 2005 was stable, averaging 521 students. In October 2006, the enrollment from the member towns dropped to 479. The percentage over the past three Octobers of total enrollment of the students from the member towns has remained constant at 66%. The declines in the out-of-district enrollment reflect those school systems' desire to discourage students from coming to Minuteman, often by offering so-called "equivalent courses" at a collaborative.

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Minuteman's partnership arrangements with Medford and Watertown have continued to be successful. The agreements specify tuition rates and place a cap on the number of entering students as well as a maximum on the total number of students, which allows for better financial planning in the towns.

Starting in September 2006, nineteen Lexington High seniors are taking a vocational elective for 2 hours each day at Minuteman. This successful 3-year collaboration between Lexington High and Minuteman has spread. The high schools of Belmont and Wayland are also sending students to Minuteman for an elective course.

Special Ed: More students with special needs are attending Minuteman, placing extra administrative burdens on faculty and staff. This challenge has been met with great success. Minuteman has one of the highest levels of special education MCAS "pass" scores in the state.

Administration: At the School Committee meeting in November, the current superintendent, William Callahan, announced his retirement in July 2007. His retirement was accepted with regret. The School Committee immediately started the search for a new superintendent.

Graduates and Honors

At the 2006 graduation, Pierre Etienne, Andrew Starke, and Stephen Willard received the Lexington Rotary Club Award given to students of superior academic achievement and significant participation in school or community activities who are continuing their education.

Dan Brauer received a John and Abigail Adams Scholarship, which offers him a tuition waiver at any state or community college. Recipients are chosen based on their proficiency and advanced placements on the MCAS English and math tests. ■

Lexington Community Education

ROLE: To offer lifelong learning to all by providing practical, creative, and enjoyable educational opportunities at reasonable cost. Courses for adults are offered in three sessions: winter, spring, and fall. Classes are offered Monday through Friday, with most evening classes held at the high school.

The summer program for children, Explorations, provides academic and cultural enrichment. Lexington Community Education is a self-sustaining, integral part of the Lexington Public School system.

STAFF: Director Robin Tartaglia, Assistant Director Andrea Paquette, Administrative Assistant Katherine Gorry-Hines.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Registered 3,390 students. This number includes all registrations from the three adult education semesters and the summer children's program.
- Offered many new adult classes, including An Insider's Guide to Paris, Poker, Landscape Sketching, The Art of Memoir, Wardrobe Revival, Musical Literacy, Alzheimer's In Someone You Love, Spanish for Kids, Art From Egypt, and a variety of off-site specialized after-school programs for children such as Fencing, Rock Climbing, and Horseback Riding.
- Continued to offer the very popular HOME ALONE class, which attracted 100 students. Taught by Lexington Police Department officers, this class teaches children aged 9 and older how to maximize their security at home when alone. This class is offered at no charge as a service to the community.
- Through Explorations, the summer academic enrichment program, offered 98 weeklong classes and 1,200 registrations. New programs included Legos, Journalism, Young Sculptors, Penguins, Sport Stackers, Engineering, Crafts Around the World, Magical Math, Road to Adventure, and Krazy Kritters. Returning favorites included Rocketry, All That Jazz, Digital Moviemaking, Gym Brainy, Show Business, Zoomini, It's

Gymnastic, and Young Artists, to name just a few. Many classes were located at the new Harrington Elementary School, which was most conducive to learning. There were 94 Lexington High school summer classroom aides who volunteered for a total of 147 weeks of Explorations. These students received community service credit for this service. Nearly all summer teachers are experienced Lexington Public School classroom teachers.

- Awarded Explorations scholarship assistance to 15 Lexington families totaling close to \$8,700.
- Helped facilitate a mini college fair for adult learners in the spring, with information and resources provided by five local colleges.
- Continued a generous sliding-scale tuition-reduction program for 31 local English Language Learning students. ■

Lexington Scholarship and Education Fund Committee

ROLE: To oversee the distribution of funds collected biannually through the tax bill solicitation to the Lexington Council Scholarship Fund and the Lexington Education Foundation, per donor request.

APPOINTED by the Selectmen: Chair David Williams; Thomas Fenn, Lexington PTA Council Scholarship Committee; Stana Gnatovich and Nancy Rogier, Lexington Education Foundation; and Paul Ash, Lexington School Department.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- \$6,394 in donations was designated and distributed to the Lexington PTA Council Scholarship Fund.
- \$7,264 in donations was designated and distributed to the Lexington Education Foundation. ■

LAND USE

Planning

ROLE: The Planning Board, together with the Town's Planning Department, engages in short- and long-term planning with regard to all growth and development issues and proposals. Specific responsibilities include preparation and implementation of the Comprehensive Plan, administration of subdivision regulations in accordance with state law, review of residential special permit applications and unaccepted street applications, representation of the Town in inter-town land use projects, provision of technical support and hearing functions for major rezoning and development proposals and on citizen- and owner-generated zoning amendments, and preparation of zoning initiatives and amendments that the Planning Board proposes to Town Meeting. The Planning Board and the Planning Department also act as stewards of the zoning bylaw and development regulations and as initiators of new policy proposals in housing, land use, and transportation. The Planning Department provides support to the Planning Board, the Town Manager, town departments, and appointed committees and supplies technical expertise in analyzing economic, demographic, and development trends in Lexington and the region. It also responds to requests for help and information from citizens and other parties.

ELECTED for 3-year terms: Chair Wendy Manz, Vice Chair Charles Hornig, Clerk Gregory Zurlo, Anthony Galaitsis, and Richard Canale.

APPOINTED by the Town Manager: Planning Director Maryann McCall-Taylor, Senior Planner Scott Schilt, Planner Eve Tapper, and Department Clerk Elissa Tap.

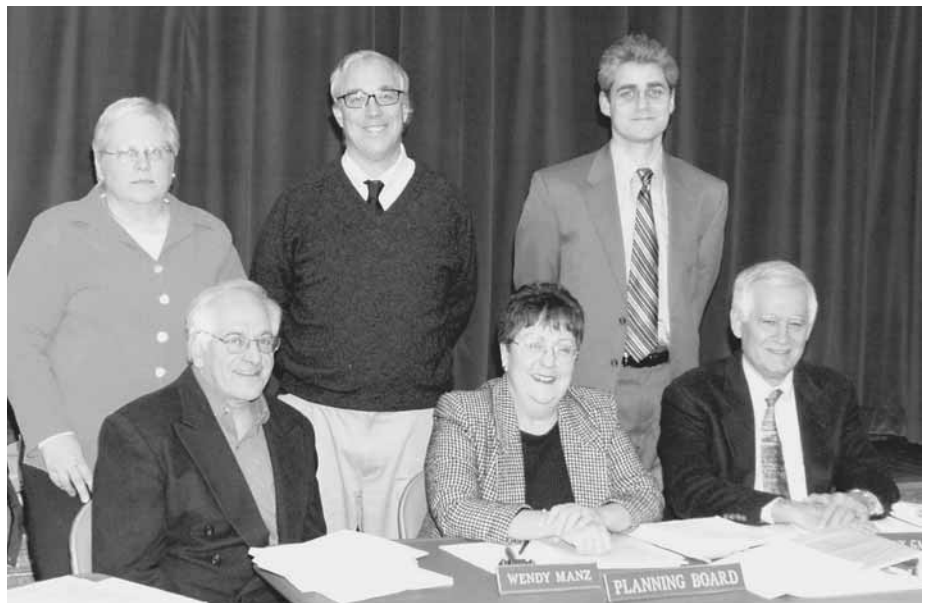
HIGHLIGHTS

- The Planning Board, with the aid of the consulting firm of Howard/Stein-Hudson, conducted a study, including outreach to the public, of the Marrett/Spring/Bridge streets intersection. Recommendations for improvements to the intersection have been forwarded to Mass Highway for inclusion in the state Transportation Improvement Plan.
- The Board negotiated issues of site design and impact mitigation with Starwoods, Inc., the redevelopers of the Sheraton Hotel at 727 Marrett Road. Town Meeting rezoned the site to allow construction of two new hotels — a new concept hotel, the aloft, and an extended stay

Westin Hotel.

- The Board worked with the Housing Partnership and consultant Phil Herr to draft an inclusionary housing bylaw. The bylaw, originally slated for presentation to 2006 Town Meeting, was withdrawn to allow more public education and discussion. It will be presented for a vote at the 2007 Town Meeting.
- The Board drafted and presented to Town Meeting an amendment to the bylaw that sets limits on the amount of impervious surface for conventional and cluster subdivisions. Town Meeting approved the proposed bylaw with amendments.
- The Board drafted and presented to Town Meeting an amendment to the parking bylaw that allows parking spaces in pre-existing lots located outside of the Central Business District to be used to satisfy parking requirements for businesses within the district and removes the requirement that parking agreements must be recorded at the Registry of Deeds. Town Meeting approved the amended bylaw.
- The Planning Department applied for and received state grants to study and revise the town cluster bylaw and to draft a low-impact-development storm water bylaw in the coming year.
- The Planning Board and the Planning Department represented the Town in the Metro-Future Planning process and ongoing Minuteman Advisory Group on Interlocal

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From left to right: Maryann McCall-Taylor, Planning Director; Richard Canale; Charles Hornig; Wendy Manz, Planning Board Chair; Greg Zurlo; Tony Galaitsis.

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Coordination sub-regional planning efforts. A Heritage Landscape inventory was completed, and the Battle Road received a Scenic Byway designation.

- The Planning Department completed updating and preparing a digitized zoning map of the Town, now available on-line and in color. Base work included updating lists of unaccepted and non-streets.
- The newly formed Traffic Mitigation Group, comprising representatives of all town departments relevant to traffic matters, undertook its first project, the negotiation of traffic mitigation measures for the Starwoods hotel rezoning, and is continuing to work with the Planning Board in the updating and redrafting of the traffic bylaw.
- The Board, in a joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen, explored how possible changes to the floor area ratio required for commercial properties might encourage commercial development and expansion of the Town's tax base. A Vision 2020 Economic Development subgroup is further examining this concept.

Conventional Subdivisions

- **Lexington Hills** (18 units off Walnut Street, part of the former Middlesex Hospital): Revised preliminary plan accepted, followed by a mid-term review in anticipation of a definitive filing.
- **Pine Meadow Farm** (14 units off Cedar Street and Freemont Street): Definitive plan approved.
- **177 Grove Street**: Definitive conventional plan filed; definitive cluster plan denied; deadline for action on a cluster plan extended by remand order in the applicant's appeal of the cluster denial.
- **Murray Hills** (3 lots off Blueberry Lane): Preliminary plan accepted.
- **48 Summit Road**, (2 lots): Preliminary plan accepted.
- **92-110 Shade Street** (Journey's End): Sketch plans for conventional and cluster developments submitted.
- **Woodland Farm Circle** (169 North Street, seven lots in Burlington, Lexington and Woburn, one partial lot in Lexington): Definitive plan approved.

Cluster Subdivisions

- **177 Grove Street** (4 lots): Definitive plan denied; appealed in Land Court and remanded to Planning

Board for further consideration of a three-lot plan.

- **40 Middleby Road** (2 lots with 3 dwelling units and a shared driveway): Preliminary plan approved.
- **28-34 Robinson Road**: Sketch plans for reduced frontage, cluster and conventional submitted; Planning Board indicated preference for cluster; preliminary cluster plan filed and then withdrawn.
- **Doran Green** (9 units off East Street at site of Doran Nursery): Preliminary plan submitted.
- **31, 33 & 35 Cary Avenue**: Minor revisions to the special permit to allow the addition of patios.
- **960-990 Waltham Street**: Sketch plan submitted
- 20 Young Street: Sketch plan submitted.

Reduced Frontage Subdivision (2 lots)

- **16 Shade Street**: Definitive plan approved.
- **147 Shade Street**: Sketch plan submitted.
- **11 Suzanne Road**: Preliminary plan submitted.

Approval Not Required Plan Endorsements

- 4 Clematis Road and 36 Allen Street
- 15 Vine Brook Road
- 176 Cedar Street
- 4 Jeffrey Terrace
- 169 North Street

Determination of Adequacy of Grade and Construction

- 8 Bird Hill Road
- 32 James Street
- Earl Street, Map 72, Lot 1717
- 3 Myrna Road

Comprehensive Permits (M.G.L. c. 40B and Local Initiative Program)

- **536-540 Lowell Street, Rising Tide Development LLC**: Litigation pending as to application for M.G.L. c. 40B comprehensive permit.
- **Grandview Realty LLC**: Housing Appeals Committee upheld denial of M.G.L. c. 40B comprehensive permit; litigation pending as to previous subdivision plan. ■

Board of Appeals

ROLE: To grant variances from the Zoning Bylaw, issue special permits for uses or construction as authorized by the Zoning Bylaw, and hear appeals of decisions by the Building Commissioner and Zoning Enforcement Officer.

APPOINTED by the Selectmen, a quasi-judicial board consisting of five members with six associate members: Chairman Judith Uhrig, Vice Chairman Arthur Smith, Maura Sheehan, John McWeeney, and Nyles Barnert. Associates David Williams, Carolyn Wilson, Martha Wood, Daniel Lucas, John Gilbert, and Leo McSweeney. Administrative Clerk Dianne Cornaro.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- In September, the Board welcomed David George as the new Zoning Administrator.
- There were 86 hearings in 2006.
- There were 40 applications for variances, 29 applications for special permits, 5 special permit renewals, 4 modifications of special permits, and 2 amended special permits; 9 petitions were withdrawn.



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1st row, left to right: Maura Sheehan, John McWeeney, Arthur Smith- Chairman, Dianne Cornaro-Clerk, Judith Uhrig, Nyles Barnert. 2nd row, left to right- Martha Wood, Leo McSweeney, Carolyn Wilson, Daniel Lucas, David George-Zoning Administrator. Missing from picture: John Gilbert and David Williams.

- There were 4 appeals from Building Commissioner or Zoning Enforcement Officer decisions; 2 were overturned and 2 upheld.
- The Board heard 1 petition for a special permit with site plan review on projects approved by the annual Town Meeting (Battle Green Inn/Lexington Commons).
- There were no comprehensive permit (M.G.L. c. 40B) applications in 2006. ■

Board of Appeals 2006 Hearings

Hearing Date	Address	Type of Hearing	Decision (Approve, Deny)
1/12/2006	5 Sunny Knoll Avenue	Variance	Approved
1/12/2006	27 Muzzey Street	Special permit	Postponed until Jan 26, 2006
1/12/2006	34 Tyler Road	Special permit	Postponed until Jan 26, 2006
1/12/2006	14 Muzzey Street	Appeal of decision	Approved with conditions
1/12/2006	94 Hartwell Avenue	Modification of special permit	Approved
1/26/2006	27 Muzzey Street	Special permit	Postponed until March 9, 2006
1/26/2006	34 Tyler Road	Special permit	Withdrawn without prejudice
2/9/2006	10 Maguire Road	Modification of special permit	Approved
2/9/2006	12 Essex Street	Variance	Continued
2/9/2006	2 Hunt Road	Special permit	Approved
2/9/2006	86 Reed Street	Variance	Approved with conditions
3/9/2006	27 Muzzey Street	Special permit	Withdrawn without prejudice
3/9/2006	Marrett Road and 1 Cranberry Hill	Modification of special permit	Approved
3/9/2006	84 Middle Street	Variance	Postponed until March 23, 2006
3/23/2006	13 Cutler Farm Road	Variance	Approved with conditions

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Hearing Date	Address	Type of Hearing	Decision (Approve, Deny)
3/23/2006	433 Marrett Road	Appeal of decision to allow a naturopathy practice	Overturned with conditions
3/23/2006	21 Worthen Road	Special permit	Approved with conditions
3/23/2006	27 Muzzey Street	Amendment of 1986 special permit or alternative	Withdrawn
3/23/2006	56 Adams Street	Special permit renewal	Approved with conditions
3/23/2006	396 Waltham Street	Special permit	Approved with conditions
3/23/2006	84 Middle Street	Variance	Withdrawn
4/13/2006	94 Hartwell Avenue	Special permit	Approved
4/13/2006	5 Bennett Avenue	Variance	Approved
4/13/2006	12 Essex Street	Variance	Continued until May 3, 2006
4/27/2006	30 Fuller Road	Special permit	Approved
4/27/2006	73 Allen Street	Variance	Denied
4/27/2006	443 Lincoln Street	Extend variance	Denied
4/27/2006	2 Hunt Road	Variance	Approved
4/27/2006	Metropolitan Parkway North	Extend variance	Renewal approved
4/27/2006	121 Shade Street	Variance	Approved
4/27/2006	1 Ames Avenue	Variance	Approved
5/11/2006	1752 Massachusetts Avenue	Special permit renewal	Approved
5/11/2006	5 Minute Man Lane	Variance	Approved
5/11/2006	324 Marrett Road	Special permit	Approved
5/25/2006	354 Waltham Street	Variance	Continued until May 24, 2006
5/25/2006	58 Reed Street	Variance	Approved
5/25/2006	321 Marrett Street	Special permit renewal	Approved with conditions
5/25/2006	12 Essex Street	Variance	Withdrawn without prejudice
6/8/2006	354 Waltham Street	Variance	Approved
6/22/2006	34 Calvin Street	Variance	Approved
6/22/2006	296 Woburn Street	Variance	Approved
6/22/2006	3 Bow Street	Special permit	Withdrawn without prejudice
6/22/2006	177 Massachusetts Avenue	Special permit renewal	Approved
6/22/2006	31A Wachusett Drive	Variance	Approved with conditions
7/13/2006	33 Adams Street	Variance	Approved
7/13/2006	52 Taft Avenue	Special permit	Withdrawn without prejudice
7/13/2006	92 Bow Street	Variance and special permit	Approved
7/13/2006	40 Hartwell Avenue	Special permit	Approved
7/27/2006	35 Bernard Street	Variance	Approved
7/27/2006	727 Marrett Road	Special permit with site plan review	Approved
8/10/2006	12 Theresa Avenue	Special permit	Approved
8/10/2006	7 Hartwell Avenue	Special permit	Approved
8/10/2006	74 Valleyfield Street	Variance	Approved
8/24/2006	74 Ward Street	Variance	Approved
8/24/2006	12 Hancock Street	Variance	Approved

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Hearing Date	Address	Type of Hearing	Decision (Approve, Deny)
8/24/2006	52 Taft Avenue	Variance	Approved
8/24/2006	7-11 Massachusetts Avenue	Modification of a special permit	Withdrawn without prejudice
9/14/2006	20 Cliffe Avenue	Variance and special permit	Approved with conditions
9/14/2006	17 Grassland Street	Variance	Approved
9/14/2006	17 Cottage Street	Variance	Approved
9/14/2006	3 Paul Revere Road	Variance and special permit	Withdrawn without prejudice
9/14/2006	313 Marrett Road	Special permit	Approved
9/14/2006	33 Hayden Avenue	Special permit	Approved
9/14/2006	55 Coolidge Avenue	Special permit	Approved
9/28/2006	109 Bow Street	Variance	Approved
9/28/2006	Estabrook Road, Map 50, Parcel 98	Appeal of decision of the Building Commissioner	Motion failed
10/12/2006	7-11 Massachusetts Avenue	Variance	Approved with conditions
10/26/2006	314 Bedford Street	Special permit	Approved
10/26/2006	6 East Street	Variance	Approved
10/26/2006	50 Parker Street	Variance	Approved
10/26/2006	321 Concord Avenue	Variance	Approved
10/26/2006	35 Tyler Road	Variance	Approved
10/26/2006	44 Hartwell Avenue	Special permit	Approved
10/26/2006	2 Forbes Road	Special permit	Approved
10/26/2006	5 Forbes Road	Special permit	Approved
10/26/2006	7-11 Massachusetts Avenue	Continued - modification of variance	Approved with conditions
11/9/2006	868-870 Massachusetts Avenue	Variance	Approved
11/9/2006	43 Wachusett Drive	Variance and special permit	Approved
11/9/2006	182 Bedford Street	Special permit	Approved
11/9/2006	1720-1722 Massachusetts Avenue	Special permit	Approved with conditions
12/14/2006	21 Summit Road	Variance	Approved
12/14/2006	181-201 Spring Street	Special permit	Withdrawn without prejudice
12/14/2006	182 Bedford Street	Renewal of special permit	Approved with conditions
12/14/2006	27 Muzzey Street	Amend special permit	Continued until Jan 25, 2007
12/14/2006	1965 Massachusetts Avenue	Variance and special permit	Approved
12/14/2006	Taft Avenue, Lots 96 & 97	Appeal of decision	Decision upheld

The Board remains indebted to the Communication Advisory Committee and the Design Advisory Committee for advice and assistance throughout the year.

Regional Planning

Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC)

ROLE of MAPC: As the regional planning agency representing 101 communities in the metropolitan Boston area, including Lexington, to serve as a forum for state and local officials to address regional issues. Council members collaborate in the development of comprehensive plans and recommendations in areas of population and employment, transportation, economic development, regional growth, and the environment. MAPC is one of the 17 members of the Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization, which carries out the federally mandated transportation planning process for the region. MAPC is also the federally designated economic development district for the region, responsible for creating an annual economic development plan. The Council provides technical assistance and professional resources in land use, the environment, housing, transportation, water resources management, economic development, demographic and socioeconomic data, legislative policy, and interlocal partnerships that strengthen the efficient and effective operation of local governments.

APPOINTED by the Selectmen as MAPC Lexington Representative: Richard Canale.

MAPC Minuteman Advisory Group on Interlocal Coordination (MAGIC)

ROLE of MAGIC: As one of MAPC's eight subregions, to discuss and work on issues of interlocal concern. Lexington is in the MAGIC subregion. Other MAGIC towns are Acton, Bedford, Bolton, Boxborough, Carlisle, Concord, Hudson, Lincoln, Littleton, Maynard, and Stow. MAGIC participates in The Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization through its membership on the Regional Transportation Advisory Council.

APPOINTED by the Selectmen as MAGIC Representatives: Jeanne Krieger and Richard Canale.

Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

ROLE of Boston MPO: Comprising seven state and regional agencies, six elected municipalities, the City of Boston, the Regional Transportation Advisory Council (ex-officio), the Federal Highway Administration (ex-officio), and the Federal Transit Administration (ex-officio), to consolidate transportation planning for a large portion of eastern Massachusetts for a variety of transportation modes and facilities and to carry out the federally mandated transportation planning process for the region. The Boston MPO is responsible for producing three key Certification Documents: Regional Transportation Plan, Transportation Improvement Program, and Unified Planning Work Program.

Regional Transportation Advisory Council

ROLE of Regional Transportation Advisory Council: To provide public policy advice to Boston MPO members on

regional transportation issues and specific MPO actions. The Council is composed of 60 representatives from cities and towns, MAPC subregions, professional transportation and planning associations, advocacy and advisory groups, transportation providers, and various state and regional agencies. Lexington is one of the 11 town members.

APPOINTED by the Selectmen as Lexington's Representative to the Regional Transportation Advisory Council: Gail Wagner.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- MAPC completed the third phase of MetroFuture: Making a Greater Boston Region, a multi-year, collaborative approach to develop a regional plan. MetroFuture is incorporating public participation, data analysis, and cutting-edge technology to create a vision for the metropolitan Boston region and a strategy to get us there. The Lexington MAPC representative is contributing to the design and structure of this process as a member of the Steering Committee.
- MAPC and the Central Transportation Planning Services are conducting a corridor study of the Concord Avenue/Trapelo Road corridor in Belmont, Lexington, and Waltham under the auspices of the MPO. This project will evaluate the transportation effects of alternative future development patterns in the corridor.
- MAPC provided staff support and co-led the effort for the successful state designation of the four-town Battle Road Scenic Byway.
- MAPC, in conjunction with the McCormack Institute of the University of Massachusetts-Boston and funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, co-sponsored a study, "Toward a Sustainable Tax Policy," that explored the links between tax policy and land use decisions in Massachusetts and presents a series of strategies that might tilt decision-makers away from "fiscal zoning" and toward "smart growth" or "sustainable development." The study is based on the premise that key elements of state and local tax policy influence local development decisions.
- MAPC has initiated a program offering communities reimbursement funds on a wide array of bicycle parking equipment.
- MAPC, funded by the Boston MPO, is updating the Regional Bicycle Plan.
- MAPC provided Lexington with planning data and analyses, including population, employment, and household forecasts.
- Through MAGIC, Lexington stakeholders collaborated with state and federal legislators and aides in articulating mutual goals and strategies, including municipal financing and tax policy; zoning and land-use reform, including status of local control and smart growth; and statewide and regional transportation planning.

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- MAGIC discussed potential effects of regional development proposals within the area and discussed the regional significance and value of Hanscom Air Force Base.
- Lexington's MAPC representative and other Lexington representatives participated in several MAPC and MAGIC forums on smart growth and mixed use overlay districts, affordable housing options, open space residential design, impact of local zoning on housing and commercial development, zoning reform, expedited permitting, low-impact development tools and strategies, suburban mobility, a parking toolkit, transportation issues in the regional long-range transportation plan, and regional hazard and pre-

disaster mitigation planning and emergency preparedness.

- Lexington and MAGIC maintain a direct voice in transportation planning and project selection through the Boston MPO and its Regional Transportation Advisory Council. Richard Canale represents MAGIC on transportation issues as the subregion's representative to the Regional Transportation Advisory Council. Gail Wagner, the Lexington Transportation Coordinator, represents Lexington on the Advisory Council. In addition, Lexington resident Barbara Lucas represents the MAPC on the Boston MPO and its Planning and Program Committee, of which she is vice chair. ■

Historic Districts Commission

ROLE: To promote the educational, cultural, economic, and general welfare of the public through the preservation and protection of historic buildings, places, and districts.

APPOINTED by the Selectmen for overlapping 5-year terms: two candidates nominated by the Lexington Historical Society, one candidate nominated by the Arts and Crafts Society, Inc., one candidate nominated by the Trustees of the Cary Memorial Library, and one selected at large by the Selectmen.

Chair Joann Gschwendtner's term ended in January 2006. She was the first woman chair of the Historic Districts Commission, a long-time resident of the Town who knew a great deal of the Town's history, history of the neighborhoods, and developments. She led the team that wrote the guidelines for the Commission and the revised edition of them. She guided the change in the Act whereby the Commission can fine for violations. Joseph Welch, an architect whose firm is located in Lexington, replaced her. Other commissioners: Ian Adamson, Mark DiNapoli, Lynn Hopkins, and Alfonso Hernandez. Associate commissioners: Daniel Griffin, Jr., James Lee, Carl Oldenburg, and Robert Warshawer.

At the end of this year, Mark DiNapoli will be ending his term as a commissioner. He has served for 13 years. Mark has spent his life in Lexington and served the commission with honor and compassion. His engineering and construction background have been an incredible asset to the Commission and to applicants alike. James Lee will also be retiring from the Commission. Daniel Griffin will become a commissioner representing the Selectmen in 2007, and the two associate commissioner slots of the Historical Society will be filled soon.



Photo: David S. Tabeling

Front row from left to right: Ian Adamson, Chairman Joseph Welch, Clerk Dianne Cornaro, Lynn Hopkins. Second row, left to right: Robert Warshawer, Carl Oldenburg, Daniel Griffin, Mark DeNapoli, Alfonso Hernandez, James Lee.

HEARINGS:

Hearings: 80 formal, 23 continued, and 34 informal.

Issued 71 Certificates of Appropriateness, 2 denials, and 1 extension of time to a Certificate of Appropriateness.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- The Commission is pleased to have begun working with the architectural team for the Supportive Living, Inc. housing in the historic Lexington Press building at 9 Oakland Street. The Commission feels that this development, condominiums for brain-injured adults, is an important project in Lexington Center.
- The Commission is continuing to refine the design for the Commons condominium project, which will replace the Battle Green Inn. Formal approvals will begin sometime in the first half of 2007.
- Commissioners continue to give special time to applicants when guidance is needed. The Commission continues to work on signage issues in the business districts and design issues for Town properties.

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JANUARY

FORMAL HEARINGS

15-17 Depot Square – Gary Barbati of Crosby Signs, representing Helen Edwards of ReMax Premier Properties, continued hearing for new signage.

CONTINUED HEARINGS

1730 Massachusetts Avenue – Joel Werrick, representing JJ & R Realty, received approval for window changes. Certificate Number 2006C-1.

INFORMAL HEARINGS

1720 Massachusetts Avenue – Eric Shapiro, AKA Battle Green Inn, discussed The Commons in Lexington project. Mr. Shapiro agreed to withdraw his application for a formal hearing for February. Signed and dated application on record.

1666 Massachusetts Avenue – Debra Sharkey, representing Nextel Communications, discussed installation of wireless communication equipment.

1454 Massachusetts Avenue – Bart Graff discussed a garage addition to his home

FEBRUARY

FORMAL HEARINGS

1740 Massachusetts Avenue – Raychel Greenwald of Lexington Signs and Graphics, representing Stephanie Volpicelli of Stephanie Louis Salon, received approval for signage. Certificate No. 2006C-2

870 Massachusetts Avenue – Scott Herlihy received approval for re-roofing all but the small structure in the back of main house. Certificate No. 2006C-3.

CONTINUED HEARINGS

15 Depot Square – Gary Barbati of Crosby Designs and Helen Edwards of Re/Max Premier Properties received approval for signage. Signage was approved with a three-two vote with Joseph Welch, Lynn Hopkins, and Alfonso Fernandez for and Carl Oldenburg and James Lee against. Certificate No. 2006C-4.

INFORMAL HEARINGS

18 Muzzey Street – Carol Liff, Lexington Learning Center, discussed signage.

1822 Massachusetts Avenue – Ryan Parillo of Back Bay Sign, representing Sovereign Bank, discussed signage.

MARCH

FORMAL HEARINGS

17 Hancock Street – Marilyn Pike received approval for home color change. Certificate No. 2006C-5

1822 Massachusetts Avenue – Jason Parillo of Back Bay Sign, representing Sovereign Bank, received approval for signage. Certificate No. 2006C-6.

18 Muzzey Street – Carol Liff, representing Lexington Learning Center, received approval for signage. Certificate No. 2006C-7 Posts and bracket design to be determined in April.

1666 Massachusetts Avenue – Christopher Bateman, representing Lexx, received approval for outside umbrellas. Certificate No. 2006C-8.

1806 Massachusetts Avenue – Manuel Parseghian, representing Lexington Jeweler, received approval for signage. Certificate No. 2006C-9.

41-47 Waltham Street – Edoardo Fragale, representing the Bulfinch Companies, received approval to remove outside canopy. Certificate No. 2006C-10. Proposal to fix wall continued until April.

1970 Massachusetts Avenue – Dave Taylor, representing Sue Blessing, received approval for new skylight. Certificate No. 2006C-11.

CONTINUED HEARINGS

1361 Massachusetts Avenue – Steven Breitenfeld received approval for new lights and to paint garage to match house. Certificate No. 2006C-12.

INFORMAL HEARINGS

1646 Massachusetts Avenue – Charlie Ronchetti, representing Sharon Spaulding, discussed retaining wall and railings.

964 Massachusetts Avenue – Alan Asetta discussed building an addition to existing home.

1840 Massachusetts Avenue – Kathleen Kearney, representing Katlin Travel, cancelled attending meeting.

7 Oakland Street – David Buckley, representing Supportive Living, discussed changes to building design.

17 Goodwin Road – Lynn Hopkins, representing Rebecca Driscoll and Jon Bachmann, discussed home addition details.

APRIL

FORMAL HEARINGS

1822 Massachusetts Avenue – Einstein's Solutions, representing Sovereign Bank, received approval to replace twocolumns on building. Certificate No. 2006C-13.

19 Muzzey Street – Jeffrey Lyon received approval to replace gutters and 78 windows. Certificate No. 2006C-14

1646 Massachusetts Avenue – Charles Ronchetti, representing Spaulding Management, received approval for retaining wall and railing. Certificate No. 2006C-15.

17 Goodwin Road – Lynn Hopkins, representing Rebecca Driscoll and Jon Bateman, received approval for concept of extending roof and adding dormer. Certificate No. 2006C-16. Windows and material for roof to be determined at a later date. Associate Commissioner James Lee sat in place of Lynn Hopkins.

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CONTINUED HEARINGS

18 Muzzey Street – Carol Liff, representing Lexington Learning Center, received approval for post and hardware for signage. Certificate No.2006C-17.

41-47 Waltham Street – Fragale Building Corporation did not attend hearing.

INFORMAL HEARINGS

964 Massachusetts Avenue – Alan Asetta discussed building an addition to existing home.

2 Hunt Road – Bruce Hughes and Steven Lamorretti discussed changes already being made to home. Commission agreed to allow house to be made weathertight until formal hearing in May.

1840 Massachusetts Avenue – Kathleen Kearney, representing Katlin Travel, did not attend meeting.

7 Oakland Street – David Buckley, representing Supportive Living, discussed changes to building design that he expects to be done in fall 2006.

1888 Massachusetts Avenue – David Pronchick discussed dormers.

MAY

FORMAL HEARINGS

8 Goodwin Road – Steven Schatz and Hale Sofia Schatz received approval for color change. Certificate Number 2006C-18.

1656 Massachusetts Avenue – Sharon Spaulding of Spaulding Management received approval for signage for Atlas Travel. Certificate Number 2006C-19.

1332 Massachusetts Avenue – Susan Bennett, representing Lexington Historic Society, received approval for signage for the Gift Shop at the Munroe Tavern. Certificate Number 2006C-20.

36 Hancock Street – Susan Bennett, representing Lexington Historic Society, received approval for signage for the Hancock-Clarke House. Certificate Number 2006C-21.

1888 Massachusetts Avenue – David Pronchick received approval for dormers, windows, and vent stacks. Certificate Number 2006C-22. Carl Oldenburg excused himself from the Commission for this hearing and vote.

975-977 Massachusetts Avenue – Patricia Ardito requested by letter to be withdrawn from hearing.

15 Hancock Street – David Taylor, representing David Nelson, received approval for window changes. Certificate Number 2006C-23.

2 Hunt Road – Bruce Hughes, representing Steven Lamorretti, received approval for front columns, windows, siding, water table, and front door. Certificate Number 2006C-24.

1106 Massachusetts Avenue – Steven and Linda Fosburg received approval for new roof shingles. Certificate Number 2006C-25.

CONTINUED HEARINGS

41-47 Waltham Street – Edoardo Fragale of Fragale Building Corporation, representing The Bulfinch Companies, received approval for brick façade detail on building. Certificate Number 2006C-26.

1874 Massachusetts Avenue – Carl Oldenburg received approval for painting the trim of the freestanding library sign. Certificate Number 2006C-27. Carl Oldenburg excused himself from the Commission for this hearing and vote.

INFORMAL HEARINGS

1733-1751 Massachusetts Avenue – Jeff Burns and Steve Hurley, representing CVS, discussed changes to the building.

33 Marrett Road – Phil Gueca did not attend hearing.

1998 Massachusetts Avenue – Doug Hobbs discussed extensive alterations to house and yard.

639 Massachusetts Avenue – Tim Lee, representing Lydia Swan, discussed landscaping plans.

Massachusetts Avenue – Colin Smith, representing Design Advisory Committee, discussed putting new sidewalks in on Massachusetts Avenue.

Municipal Parking Lot-Pedestrian Walkway – Sheila Watson discussed changes to walkways in the Municipal Parking Lot.

Reduce Idling Ad Hoc Committee – Ingrid Klimoff, representing the Reduce Idling Ad Hoc Committee, discussed signage for their campaign.

JUNE

FORMAL HEARINGS

7 Raymond Street – Eve Horwitz and Steve Emmerich received approval for color change. Certificate Number 2006C-28.

14 Muzzey Street – William Raveis Real Estate withdrew application for temporary signage.

1713 Massachusetts Avenue – William Raveis Real Estate received approval for signage. Certificate Number 2006C-29

All Districts – Dawn McKenna, representing Tourism Committee, received approval for signage. Certificate Number 2006C-30.

7 Percy Road – Karen and Robert Hagberg received approval for a swing set. Certificate Number 2006C-31.

4 Bruce Road – Steven Breitmaier's request to demolish house was denied. Certificate Number 2006C-32.

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33 Marrett Road – Phil Gueca, representing Scottish Rite Masons, did not attend. Hearing was advertised but then determined not needed because work being done was not in Historic District.

1998 Massachusetts Avenue – Doug Hobbs was continued until he receives variance from the Board of Appeals.

639 Massachusetts Avenue – Tim Lee, representing Lydia Swan, received approval for landscaping. Certificate Number 2006C-33.

1733-1751 Massachusetts Avenue – Steve Hurley, representing CVS, received approval for extensive renovations to store front and back of building and for dumpster enclosure. Certificate Number 2006C-34.

CONTINUED HEARINGS

Worthen Road – Tom Fenn, representing Battle Green Apartments, received approval for changes to walkways and paths. Certificate Number 2006C-35.

17 Goodwin Road – Lynn Hopkins, representing Rebecca Driscoll and John Bachman, received approval for roofing, windows, and skylight. Certificate Number 2006C-36.

2 Hunt Road – Bruce Hughes, representing Steven Lamorretti, did not attend hearing; requested to be continued until July.

INFORMAL HEARINGS

870 Massachusetts Avenue – Scott and Laurie-Jean Herlihy discussed exterior architectural changes to their home.

Massachusetts Avenue – Bill Hadley, representing Department of Public Works, decided to come back as a formal to discuss

1840 Massachusetts Avenue – Kathleen Kearney, representing Katlin Travel, was did not attend hearing.

JULY

No meeting was held.

AUGUST:

FORMAL HEARINGS

782 Massachusetts Avenue – Faith Ferguson and Denis Haskin received approval to reroof the main section of their home. Certificate Number 2006C-37. Associate Daniel Griffin voted for Mark DiNapoli.

1347 Massachusetts Avenue – Daniel Deschler received approval to install a basketball hoop in the driveway for a period of 10 years. Certificate Number 2006C-38.

1810 Massachusetts Avenue – Karen Packard, representing Wales Copy Center for signage, was continued.

1948 Massachusetts Avenue – Geta Beth Bryant, representing her mother Ellen Bryant concerning changing gutters, was continued.

1444 Massachusetts Avenue – Brain Hackley and Wendy Carter received approval to reroof their home and garage. Certificate Number 2006C-39.

1 Vinebrook Road – Sarah Dahlquist received approval to re-roof and change paint color of home. Certificate Number 2006C-40.

1536 Massachusetts Avenue – Jon Wadwell received approval to reroof, replace garage and entry doors, light fixtures, and change paint color. Certificate Number 2006C-41.

15 Hancock Street – Patricia and David Nelson received approval to replace retaining wall in driveway. Certificate Number 2006C-42. Associate Daniel Griffin voted for Mark DiNapoli.

6 Meriam Street – Tom Swithenbank, representing the Church of Our Redeemer, received signage approval. Certificate Number 2006C-43. Associate Daniel Griffin voted for Mark DiNapoli.

18 Hancock Street – Cynthia Cutner received approval for walkway, steps, and light fixtures. Certificate Number 2006C-44. Associate Daniel Griffin voted for Mark DiNapoli.

Municipal Parking Lot/Bikeway – Bill Hadley, representing Department of Public Works and the Lexington Center Committee, received approval for the location of light fixtures, trash barrels, bench, and bike racks in the municipal parking lot. Certificate Number 2006C-45. Associate Daniel Griffin voted for Mark DiNapoli.

7-9 Oakland Street – David Buckley, representing Supportive Living Inc., received design concept approval for facility. Detail designs to be continued. Certificate Number 2006C-46. Associate Daniel Griffin voted for Mark DiNapoli.

CONTINUED HEARINGS

2 Hunt Road – Bruce Hughes, representing Steven Lamorretti, received approval for paint colors and granite steps. Certificate Number 2006C-47. Associate Daniel Griffin voted for Mark DiNapoli.

1998 Massachusetts Avenue – Doug Hobbs received re-approval for items approved on certificate approval for staircase renovations and repair of the widow's walk. Approval for the gable roof dormer was denied until he goes before the Board of Appeals for variances needed. Associate Daniel Griffin voted for Mark DiNapoli.

17 Goodwin Road – Rebecca Driscoll and John Bachman received approval for color change to their home. Certificate Number 2006C-48. Associate Daniel Griffin voted for Mark DiNapoli and Associate James Lee voted for Lynn Hopkins.

There were no informal hearings in August.

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SEPTEMBER

FORMAL HEARINGS

Municipal Parking Lot/Bikeway – Bill Hadley, representing Department of Public Works, requested to be continued until October.

19 Depot Square – Tan Phan, representing Lexington Nail & Skin Care, was continued until October.

1656 Massachusetts Avenue – Stephen Garrity, representing Savvy Travel Shop, received approval for signage. Certificate Number 2006C-50.

5 Maple Street – Debra Hoard received approval for fencing and color change. Certificate Number 2006C-51.

9 Tavern Lane – Jacob and Amelia Bergmann received approval for walkway and stairs. Certificate Number 2006C-52.

5 Parker Street – Ramesh Ratan received approval for window changes. Certificate Number 2006C-53.

CONTINUED HEARINGS

1810 Massachusetts Avenue – Karen Packard, representing Wales Copy Center, received approval for signage. Certificate Number 2006C-54.

1948 Massachusetts Avenue – Geta Beth Bryant, representing her mother Ellen Bryant, received approval for gutters. Commission voted three-two with Alfonse Hernandez and Mark DiNapoli against the request. Certificate Number 2006C-55.

1998 Massachusetts Avenue – Doug Hobbs received approval for driveway and landscaping. Certificate Number 2006C-56.

INFORMAL HEARINGS

16 Bedford Street – Julie Patino discussed replacement windows.

1740 Massachusetts Avenue – Tevis Runyan, representing Good Feet, discussed signage.

1377 Massachusetts Avenue – Joe and Carole Stavenhagaen discussed repaving driveway.

12 Hancock Street – Sally DeGann, representing Jay and Courtney Michaud, discussed a mudroom addition and extending driveway.

35 Hancock Street – Todd Cataldo discussed house plans for vacant lot.

OCTOBER

FORMAL HEARINGS

1740 Massachusetts Avenue – Tevis Runyan, representing Good Feet, was continued until November.

1377 Massachusetts Avenue – Joe and Carole Stavenhagaen received approval to repave driveway. Certificate Number 2006C-57. Regular members plus James Lee and Carl Oldenburg voted.

12 Hancock Street – Sally DeGann, representing Jay and Courtney Michaud, received approval for a mudroom addition and to extend driveway. Certificate Number 2006C-58. Regular members plus James Lee and Daniel Griffin voted.

2030 Massachusetts Avenue – Kim Woodward and John Patrick was continued until November.

18 Muzzey Street – William Mix received approval for new roof. Certificate Number 2006C-59. Regular members plus James Lee and Daniel Griffin voted.

868 Massachusetts Avenue – Scott and Laurie-Jean Herlihy received approval for an addition. Certificate Number 2006C-60. Regular members plus James Lee and Daniel Griffin voted.

CONTINUED HEARINGS

Municipal Parking Lot/Bikeway – Bill Hadley, representing Department of Public Works, requested to be continued until October.

19 Depot Square – Tan Phan, representing Lexington Nail & Skin Care, received approval for signage. Certificate Number 2006C-61. Regular members plus James Lee and Daniel Griffin voted.

2 Hunt Road – Steven Lamorretti received approval for lights, lamppost, back door, and gutters. Certificate Number 2006C-62. Regular members plus James Lee and Daniel Griffin voted.

7-9 Oakland Street – David Buckley, representing Department of Public Works, was continued until December.

INFORMAL HEARINGS

45 Bedford Street – Danielle Robertson from Corporate Environmental Advisors, Inc, representing The Lexington Fire Department discussed a proposed shed.

OTHER BUSINESS

1666 Massachusetts Avenue – Reviewed letter from Sharon Spaulding requesting temporary sandwich board for Lexx. Denied Lexington Arts and Crafts requesting temporary sandwich board for fund raising event. Approved

Cary Library Extension – Approved

Warner- Hancock Street – no action needed.

NOVEMBER

FORMAL HEARINGS

735 Massachusetts Avenue – Betty Clark, representing Friends of Cary Library, received approval for signage for the East Branch Library. Certificate Number 2006C-63.

CONTINUED HEARINGS

Massachusetts Avenue – Bill Hadley, representing Department of Public Works, was continued until December.

1740 Massachusetts Avenue – Tevis Runyan, representing Good Feet, received approval for signage. Certificate number 2006C-64. Lighting was continued.

2030 Massachusetts Avenue – Kim Woodward and John Patrick received approval for storm doors. Certificate number 2006C-65. Garage, porch, and railings discussion was continued.

INFORMAL HEARINGS

7 Oak Street – Diane Young and Gerhard Pawelka discussed a barn project and dormers.

Belfry Tower – Jesse Weeks, representing a Boy Scout Eagle project, was scheduled to attend hearing but cancelled project.

7 Brigham Road – Mike Harris discussed window changes.

1106 Massachusetts Avenue – Linda Fosburg discussed demolishing a shed and rebuilding exactly as is. Commission felt as long as there are no changes to the structure, she did not need to come before the Commission for a formal hearing.

1720 Massachusetts Avenue – Attorney John Farrington and Erik Rhodin discussed modifications in the building plans for The Commons in Lexington.

OTHER BUSINESS

A letter was received from the Lexington Arts and Crafts Society requesting a temporary sandwich board for a December fund-raising event. Approved

DECEMBER

FORMAL HEARINGS

7 Brigham Road – Mike Harris received approval for a window change. Certificate Number 2006C-66.

7 Oak Street – Gerhard Pawelka received approval for an entryway addition. Certificate Number 2006C-67.

7 Harrington Road – Cynthia Davidson, representing the First Paris Church, received approval for signage. Certificate Number 2006C-68.

1726 Massachusetts Avenue – Attorney Tom Fenn, representing Niki's Liquor, Fine Wine and Spirits, received approval for signage. Certificate Number 2006C-69.

1314 Massachusetts Avenue – Nancy and Bill Troutman received approval for heating-cooling vent. Certificate Number 2006C-70.

1505 Massachusetts Avenue – Jean Stern received approval for two skylights. Certificate Number 2006C-71.

40 Hancock Street – Robin and Richard Millman asked to be continued until January.

475 A & B Massachusetts Avenue – Robert Gulick came before Commission concerning roofing. Continued.

465 R Massachusetts Avenue – Robert Gulick came before Commission concerning roofing. Continued.

10 Muzzey Street – Robert Enik, representing Indulgence Spa, received approval for signage. Certificate Number 2006C-72.

1720 Massachusetts Avenue – Attorney John Farrington, representing Lexington Commons, was continued.

CONTINUED HEARINGS

Massachusetts Avenue – Robert Bowman, representing Department of Public Works, received approval for a pilot program for new recycle barrels. Certificate Number 2006C-73.

INFORMAL HEARINGS

1837 Massachusetts Avenue – Emily Passman did not attend.

There were no informal hearings for December. ■

Condo Conversion Board

ROLE: To hold public hearings and make recommendations regarding conversions of existing apartment complexes to condominiums upon filings and notice by apartment owners of intention to convert.

APPOINTED by the Board of Selectmen: Chair John J. McWeeney, Marshall Derby, Jackie Hawkinson, and Albert Zabin.

HIGHLIGHTS:

There are existing laws to help protect elderly, handicapped, and low-income tenants during a conversion. After many years of inactivity, the Board organized this year with the election of John McWeeney as Chair. There were two meetings to discuss the Board's responsibilities. One apartment owner inquired about a conversion but did not come forward with a project. Marjorie Weerts, an original member, resigned from the Board.

Lexington Historical Commission

ROLE: To preserve and protect historically and architecturally significant buildings and sites in Lexington, to advise the Building Inspector about issuing demolition permits for significant buildings, and to support efforts to nominate buildings for the National Register of Historic Places maintained by the Secretary of the Interior.

APPOINTED by the Town Manager for 3-year terms: Chair David Kelland, Marilyn Fenollosa, Frank Kern, Tom Taylor, and Sally Zimmerman.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Maintained the *Comprehensive Cultural Resources Survey*, at present nine volumes, which lists the historically and architecturally important buildings and areas in Lexington dating from the earliest period to the 19th and 20th centuries. Grants from the Massachusetts Historical Commission, the Town, and the Trustees of Public Trusts have made it possible for the Commission to bring the survey up to date. The survey is available in the Cary Library and the Planning Office in the Town Office Building and is used by historians, students, homeowners, and businesses, as well as real estate professionals for the added value of properties considered historically or architecturally significant.
- Maintained a *Cumulative Index* to facilitate the use of the *Comprehensive Cultural Resources Survey*. This index has been distributed to all real estate offices in Lexington and is available in the Planning Office and in the office of the Building Inspector, as well as from the Commission. In 2005, the Commission added a list of additional buildings being considered for inclusion in the survey and in 2006 has applied for Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds to further complete the survey. All the buildings in the survey or on this additional list are subject to a public hearing before demolition approval.
- Researched the history and architecture of several houses for which demolition applications had been presented. The Commission members, all volunteers, regularly consult with homeowners, builders, and developers on questions of sensitive restorations of important buildings. In 2006, an agreement over the rebuilding of the Jefferson Union Building provided \$20,000 for the CPA historical trust fund. Procedures for making presentations at public hearings before the Commission have been developed and are available to applicants. Guidelines for what constitutes demolition also have been developed. The Commission inspects and photographs all buildings subject to a demolition application. ■

Design Advisory Committee

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Front L-R: Elizabeth Whitman, Greg Zurlo, Colin Smith. Rear L-R: Bruce Creager, Eric Brown, Ginna Johnson, Alenka Slezak.

ROLE: To assist the Selectmen and other boards and people in the Town in applying professional design standards to new structures, renovations, signage, lighting, and landscape improvements.

APPOINTED by Board of Selectmen for 1-year terms: Chair Colin

Smith, Parker Hirtle, Bahig Kaldas, Alenka Slezak, Greg Zurlo, Ginna Johnson, and Timothy Lee; Associate Members: John Frey, Betsy Whitman, and Bruce Creager; Planning Board Liaison Wendy Manz; Selectmen liaison Peter Kelley.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Developed designs for public pedestrian walkways, parking improvements, and landscaping.
- Developed the newly proposed NStar public parking lot and sidewalk standards for the Center.
- Recommended to Board of Appeals approval for:
 - Five Forks Sunoco
 - Townwide freestanding sign installations
 - 31 Massachusetts Avenue car wash
 - T-Mobil Wireless communications antennae installations
- Reviewed and commented on the design of:
 - Lexington Commons (currently the Battle Green Inn)
 - Starwood Hotel Development (currently the Sheraton Hotel)
 - Lexington Department of Public Works ■

Office of Community Development - Building Division

ROLE: To enforce the State Building Code, Uniform State Plumbing and Gas Code, State Mechanical Code, State Electrical Code,

Architectural Access Board Regulations, and Lexington Zoning Bylaws. This involves plan review, permit issuance, and inspection of all building, electrical, plumbing, gas, and mechanical construction in the Town, including new structures, additions, alterations, and repairs.

Responsible for enforcing the State Architectural Access Board regulations involving handicapped accessibility to buildings and issues regarding such requirements.

The Sealer of Weights and Measures determines the accuracy of all weights and measuring devices in commercial and public use within the Town.

The increase in the number of full-time personnel reflects a FY07 budget increase to change the part-time zoning officer to a full-time zoning administrator.

APPOINTED by the Town Manager: Building Commissioner Steven Frederickson, P.E., and a full-time Building Inspector, Inspector of Wires, Plumbing/Gas/Mechanical Inspector and Office Manager, and a full-time Zoning Administrator and Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Expenditures	FY06	FY05
Payroll	\$322,137	\$287,316
Expenses	\$ 39,519	\$ 42,131
Personnel		
Full Time	6	5
Part Time	2	2

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Permit activity was at a record high level, with 1,159 building permits issued.
- Construction continued on a large addition at Brookhaven on Waltham Street.
- Construction began for Avalon at Lexington Square (a residential development of 387 units at the former site of Metropolitan State Hospital) and for 13 new residential units at the Jefferson Union building at 31 Fletcher Avenue.
- Construction continued for alterations and additions at 131 Spring Street, the former Raytheon site.
- Preparations are underway for the demolition and reconstruction of the Battle Green Inn to allow for construction of a mixed residential/retail building and for demolition of the Sheraton in preparation for construction of two new hotel buildings.
- Construction was substantially completed at the new Fiske School.
- Construction continued on dwellings at the new Luongo Farm Lane off Pleasant Street, and construction began on dwellings at the new Martingale Road off Cedar Street and Wisteria Lane off Colony Road.
- The demolition of existing houses and the construction of new larger houses on scattered sites continued. Permits were issued to demolish 46 existing houses, and 59 permits were issued for the construction of new single-family dwellings.
- A partial collapse of a portion of Brookhaven that is under construction is under investigation. ■

Total Permit Activity

Year	Bldg.	Elec.	Plumbing/ Gas	Reported Value of All Construction*	Single- Family	Multi- Family	Additions/ Alterations
2006	1156	1081	2239	\$113,223,211	59	400**	324
2005	1126	1332	2067	\$100,929,414	80	2	379
2004	1124	1170	1786	\$ 67,079,200	76	1	1047
2003	984	1039	1353	\$ 75,758,772	66	0	922
2002	1035	1141	1111	\$ 72,979,601	72	0	963

*Actual construction valuation is higher

**Includes 387 units at Avalon at Lexington Square and 13 units at Jefferson Union

Explicit Breakdown of 2006 Building Permits

New Units—Residential	77*	Repairs/Alterations	212
New Units—Commercial	1**	Stoves	9
Additions—Residential	135	Swimming Pools	5
Additions—Commercial	1	Roofing/Siding	313
Miscellaneous	357	Garages/Carports	8
Decks	38	Sheds	3

*Includes 13 buildings (387 units) at Avalon and Lexington Square, 5 buildings (13 units) at Jefferson Union, and 59 new single-family houses (46 of which were replacements of demolished houses). **Cumberland Farms at 324 Marrett Road

Hanscom Area Towns Committee (HATS) and Hanscom Field Advisory Commission (HFAC)

ROLE of HATS: To represent the interests of Bedford, Concord, Lexington, and Lincoln in matters pertaining to Hanscom Field and developments in the surrounding area and to review and comment on proposed projects to state, federal, and regional agencies.

APPOINTED to HATS by the Board of Selectmen to represent Lexington: Selectman Jeanne Krieger, Stew Kennedy, Conservation; and Margaret Coppe. **APPOINTED to HATS** by the Planning Board: Tony Galatsis. The HATS Chair rotates annually between the four towns. In 2006, Lincoln chaired HATS.

ROLE of HATS (Environmental Subcommittee): To assist HATS with the review of environmental impacts associated with airport activities.

APPOINTED to HATS ES by the Board of Selectmen to represent Lexington: Cochairs Julian Bussgang and Richard Canale

ROLE of HFAC: To act as an advisory commission with regard to Hanscom Field for review of issues of land use, noise, and transportation and to provide communications between the surrounding towns and Massport in matters pertaining to Hanscom Field.

APPOINTED to HFAC by the Board of Selectmen to represent Lexington: Hank Manz; Michael Barrett, alternate. Other members represent other communities and various interest groups. Grady Wheaton and Margaret Coppe represent neighborhood associations, and Melodee Wagen filled the League of Women Voters position. The position of Chair rotates between the four towns. In 2006, Lexington chaired HFAC.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Linear Air, which offers chartered jet flights that can be booked like commercial flights, announced their intention to increase their fleet by the purchase of 30 jets. B and M continued to offer scheduled commercial flights. There were no further developments concerning possible scheduled air freight operations.
- Massport announced in 2005 its plans to lease Hanger 24, the former MIT hanger, to Crosspoint, a fixed-base operator catering to private jets. The proposed development includes a 60,000-square-foot hanger, 13,000 square feet of passenger area, 18,000 square feet of office space, parking for 100 cars, and a 30,000-gallon above-ground fuel storage tank in the Pine Hill section of the airfield with access from Virginia Rd.; this development was not contemplated in the 2005 Environmental Status and Planning Report (ESPR) and accordingly has not had the benefit of an environmental review. Completion of the Crosspoint terminal would increase the capacity for jet activity 50% over 2004 levels. The citizen's organization Safeguarding the Historic Hanscom Area's Irreplaceable Heritage (Shhair) took action to seek appropriate environmental

review by filing a notice of project change with the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs. The petition was denied, ignoring the potential environmental impacts of siting a terminal capable of dramatically increasing air and ground traffic on a little-used side of the airfield. Subsequent analysis revealed that the proposed terminal and fuel tanks were sited in Concord on the aquifer for Bedford's water supply. HATS Selectmen filed a fail-safe petition with the Massachusetts Environmental Protection Agency (MEPA) to oblige Massport and Crosspoint to participate in a review that would provide protection for Bedford's water supply. Massport responded that review is not necessary. On December 20, 2005, MEPA denied the request to ensure local review of a critical watershed. The events associated with Crosspoint typify Massport's continued refusal to take environmental impacts seriously and MEPA's reluctance or inability to hold Massport accountable. For these reasons and the absence of realistic aviation growth scenarios on which to base environmental impacts, HATS opted not to participate in the 2005 ESPR. Crosspoint engineers met with Concord officials in late spring 2006 to discuss environmental impacts and safety concerns of the proposed development. Subsequently, Crosspoint withdrew its plans to enter into a lease with Massport for development of Hanger 24.

- Hanger 24, the MIT hanger, has had a rich role in aeronautical research. During the period from 1948 to 2001, significant advances in radar and guidance systems were developed at the site. Hanger 24 has been placed on the inventory of historic sites in Massachusetts and is a candidate for listing on the National Registry of Historic Buildings. The site has been proposed as the future home of the Massachusetts Air and Space Museum. Massport has temporarily put on hold plans to develop the hanger as a jet terminal.
- A subset of the ES, a collection of technical experts of national stature, made several recommendations to improve the quality and ease of data interpretation of Massport's new Noise Monitoring System. Specifically, the subcommittee requested that noise monitors in Lexington and Concord be moved to locations where background noise would not obscure measurements and that the Website include a loud event counter to highlight single noise events. Massport declined to implement these improvements because of budget considerations.
- HATS devoted considerable attention to examining opportunities for regional cooperation. Concord shared its experience operating a municipal electric utility. Sara Arnold doffed her Massport hat and donned her Lexington Transportation Advisory Committee hat to describe the 25-year history of Lexpress operation, a far more robust minibus system than enjoyed by the other HATS communities. Gordon Feltmann, Bedford

Selectman, described the role the Metropolitan Planning Organization plays in prioritizing the allocation of federal highway funds for local transportation initiatives.

- Developments on the Air Force Base (AFB) included the retirement of Colonel Tim Ceteres, Commander of the 66th Air Base Wing, who skillfully guided Hanscom AFB

through last year's Base Realignment and Closure process. Colonel Tom Schuckebier has replaced him. The Air Force is proceeding with the privatization of base housing. Nearly 850 units, all in Lincoln, will be demolished and replaced by more-modern accommodations for base personnel and their families. ■

LexHAB – Lexington Housing Assistance Board

ROLE: To provide affordable housing for low- and moderate-income families, to administer the Muzzey Condominium resale restrictions, and to consult with other town boards on privately constructed residential developments containing affordable units. Lexington Housing Assistance Board (LexHAB) has 53 dwelling units that are rented under one-year leases: 34 attached units (10 one-bedroom, 21 two-bedroom, 3 three-bedroom units in four developments) and 19 scattered site dwelling units (1 one-bedroom, 2 three-bedroom, and 10 four-bedroom single-family homes plus 3 two-family three-bedroom duplexes). Rental income covers the operating expenses and capital requirements. No funds come from the town budget.

APPOINTED by the Board of Selectmen for overlapping 2-year terms: Marshall Derby, Donald Wilson, David Eagle, William Hays, Gerald Howell, Martha Wood, and William Kennedy. Selectmen liaison Norman Cohen. Office Manager Joan Wall.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Minuteman Regional High students and staff completed the construction of the two-family house on Rangeway in conjunction with the Lexington Rotary Club. All funding for construction comes from LexHAB.
- Pursuant to agreement between the Town and the developer of 336/338 Bedford Street, one of the three-bedroom units was transferred to LexHAB, and one was purchased. ■

Lexington Center Committee

ROLE: To advise the Selectmen and business community on managing change in the center to ensure its long-term viability while preserving its historical significance and the integrity of adjacent neighborhoods.

APPOINTED by the Board of Selectmen: Cochairs Jerome Smith and Sheila Watson, Anne Cuervo, Kathy Field, Elisabeth Harvey, Frederic Johnson, Howard Levin, Jerold Michelson, Daphne Politis, Gant Redmon, Joan Zahka. Selectman liaison Richard Pagett.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Continued work on connectivity Action Plan (to increase current parking effectiveness through better paths, lighting, landscaping, etc. between town lots and center).
- Worked on NStar parking lot enhancements (in conjunction with Department of Public Works (DPW), Town Manager, and Town Meeting).

- Initiated CVS embankment and stairway enhancements between Depot parking lot and CVS lot (in conjunction with DPW, Design Advisory Committee, Historic Districts Commission, Town Manager, etc).
- Continued work on center sidewalk enhancements (in conjunction with multiple committees, DPW).
- Promoted Cary Hall restoration as a performance venue (Community Preservation Act funds).
- Encouraged citizens to support Lexington's businesses to maintain a vital town center.
- Worked with Doran's Greenhouses and the DPW to plant and maintain the flower barrels in the center of Town.
- Communicated with DPW regarding needs of center for upkeep and cleanliness, ensuring effective use of resources. ■

Lexington Housing Authority

ROLE: To provide decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing for low- to moderate-income individuals and families. To work with residents and the community to improve living standards for the poor.

ELECTED to 5-year terms: Chairman Nicholas Santosuosso, Commissioner Leo P. McSweeney, Vice-Chairman Robert N. Cohen, Assistant Treasurer Leona W. Martin, and Treasurer Melinda Walker.

APPOINTED Executive Director Ann C. Whitney, by the Board of Commissioners, and Commissioner Robert N. Cohen, by the Governor, all other members elected.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Administered 330 units of affordable and low-income housing for elderly, family, handicapped, Section 8 Choice vouchers, and Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program project-based vouchers.
- Designated a High Performer by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.
- Through Department of Housing and Urban Development Capital grants, able to resurface streets and parking areas and replace heating systems at Countryside Village and scattered sites.
- Managed the Concord Housing Authority for a year while Concord searched for an Executive Director.



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Seated from left to right: Treasurer Melinda Walker, Director Ann C. Whitney, Asst. Treasurer Leona W. Martin. Standing from left to right: Vice-Chairman Robert N. Cohen, Chairman Nicholas Santosuosso, Commissioner Leo P. McSweeney.

- Local residents are encouraged to apply for affordable housing. Look for applications and locations of the Housing Authority developments at www.lexington-housingauthority.org. ■

Metropolitan State Task Force

ROLE: To work with counterparts in Belmont, Waltham, the Metropolitan District Commission (MDC), and Division of Capital Management to implement the Metropolitan State (Met State) Reuse Plan. The reuse plan is an agreement arrived at after extensive community involvement through the Tri-Community Committee to effectively use the Met State tract by adopting the following goals:

- Preserve and protect natural resources
- Redevelop the site with a mix of publicly beneficial rezones
- Consider the site as a whole without regard to municipal boundaries
- Carry out environmental clean up on the site as quickly as possible

Under the reuse plan, Waltham will receive approximately 54 acres for a golf course, Lexington will develop a campus site of approximately 23 acres for housing, and the balance of the tract, approximately 254 acres, will remain open under the stewardship of the MDC.

APPOINTED by the Board of Selectmen: Joyce Miller, Natalie Riffin, David Williams, Richard Canale, and Jeanne Krieger.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- With the approval of the Local Initiative Petition by the Division of Housing and Community Development, all 387 units on the site will be added to the Town's 40B inventory. The successful rezoning concludes the work of the Task Force, which has strived for more than a decade to ensure that Lexington's affordable housing needs are met while preserving surrounding open space, a project that met Smart Growth tenets before the term was even coined.
- Lexmedia, the Town's non-profit local access cable provider, is pursuing moving their studio to the lower level of Kline Hall, which the developer will renovate as "shell" space.
- The property was conveyed to Avalon Bay in June 2006. Building permits have been pulled, with the Town initiating some of the mitigation payments.
- As its last official act, the Task Force commented on the management plan to include the open space under the control of the Division of Conservation and Recreation in the Beaver Brook Reservation.
- The opening of Avalon Square is scheduled for 2007. ■

Lexington Housing Partnership

ROLE: To promote and support affordable housing activities and to recommend appropriate actions to the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board. No funds come from the Town's budget.

APPOINTED by the Board of Selectmen for overlapping 3-year terms: Chair Bob Bicknell, Vice Chair Kenneth Kreutziger, Secretary Harriet Cohen (Fair Housing and Human Relations Committee), Jeri Foutter, William Carlson, Julia Duncan, Caroline Eaton, Florence Baturin, Mary Haskell, Gay Godfrey, Thomas Harden, Arthur Katz, Betsey Weiss, Iris Wheaton, Ingeborg MacDougall, Winifred McGowan, Paul Linton, Martha Wood (LexHAB), Robert Cohen (Lexington Housing Authority), Gregory Zurlo (Planning Board). Selectman liaison Norman Cohen, Conservation Commission liaison Richard Wolk, Council on Aging liaison Paul Lapointe.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Provided support for an accessory apartments bylaw.
- Supported adoption of the Community Preservation Act.
- Supported providing funds from the WestMetro HOME Consortium for the Supportive Living, Inc. Douglass House project for survivors of traumatic brain injury.
- Supported efforts to create and adopt an inclusionary zoning bylaw to require an affordable housing component for all new projects of three or more housing units.
- Supported the Battle Green Inn conversion, with its three affordable units for sale at 70% of area median income.
- Developed a concept for purchasing deed restrictions at the sale of smaller homes to make them available to moderate-income first-time homebuyers. Through the Lexington Housing Foundation, acquired consultant services to define the parameters for applying the concept in Lexington. Promoted a pilot project with the Community Preservation Committee to test the viability of the deed restriction concept.
- Participated in workshops on educating citizens about affordable housing and funding sources for affordable housing development, including the Soft Second Loan program.
- Participated on the Land Use subpanel of the Lexington Center Collaborative to explore the permitting of affordable residential use in the center.
- Provided materials to the town explaining the Mass Housing Municipal Mortgage Program, which is specifically designed to help town employees purchase a home in the town where they work with no down payment.
- Promoted awareness of the need for affordable housing in Lexington through posters, presentations, and the print media.
- Began operation of a Website at www.LexingtonHousingPartnership.org. ■



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Seated from left to right: Inky MacDougall, Mary Haskell, Florence Baturin, Bob Bicknell, Julie Duncan, Ken Kreutziger, Arthur Katz. Standing from left to right: Greg Zurlo, Martha Wood, Betsey Weiss, Winifred McGowan, Chris Eaton, Bill Carlson, Paul Linton, Harriet Cohen.

Traffic Mitigation Group

ROLE: To coordinate review of traffic-related issues resulting from new development and oversees implementation of mitigation activities. Working with input from other town committees, to identify priority areas for transportation improvements, negotiates traffic mitigation measures as part of project review process, and make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen pertaining to expenditures for mitigation commitments. To administer contracts for mitigation projects and monitors execution of Transportation Demand Management plans.

APPOINTED by the Selectmen for a length of term consistent with members' applicable Board or Committee term length: Judith Uhrig, Board of Appeals; Richard Canale, Planning Board; Jeanne Krieger, Board of Selectmen; Dave Cannon, Scott Schilt, Gail Wagner, town staff. Ancillary reviewers: Laura Cecere, Elaine Dratch, Sudhir Murthy, and Jerry Van Hook.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Starwoods Hotels Special Permit—Mitigations suggested and negotiated during the property rezoning attached as a condition of the Special Permit.

- Hartwell Avenue Safety—Discussion of the safety concerns on Hartwell Avenue, primarily considerations for bicycles and pedestrians along the roadway. There are many problems with access, including queuing of vehicles entering the Air Force Base, the needs of businesses and property owners, and environmental constraints.
- Article XII of the Zoning By-Law—In process of reviewing the current bylaw and Planning Board policies for transportation demand management so as to be able to advise the Planning Board as to suggested changes, particularly examining the thresholds for when traffic studies will be required and the types of mitigation to be imposed.
- Improvements were discussed during the monthly meetings for the following: Marrett/Spring/Bridge streets intersection, Avalon Bay at Lexington Square (Metropolitan State redevelopment), Concord Avenue/Waltham Street Intersection, Belmont/Lexington/Waltham Study, and Montessori School. ■

Senior Center Action Plan Committee

ROLE: To review and assess the programmatic and space requirements developed by the Council on Aging (COA) for the Senior Center; to review and assess senior center site options identified in earlier siting committee reports and identify one as acceptable for further pursuit; to establish a budget and timeline for the design and completion of construction of a new Senior Center.

APPOINTED by the Board of Selectmen: Marilyn Campbell, Marian Cohen, Maria Constantinides, Laura Kole, Paul Lapointe, John Rossi, and Mary Lou Touart. Liaisons: Duke Bitsko, Conservation; Tom Griffiths, School Committee; Charles Hornig, Planning; Richard Pagett, Selectmen; and Shirley Stolz, Capital Expenditures.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- The Committee determined that:
 - The COA will require about 20,000 to 24,000 square feet to support Senior Center programs and 4,000 square feet for the Supportive Day Care facility.
 - Neither the existing Muzzey Senior Center nor the Supportive Day Care facility at 22 Mill Street meet current or long-term needs.
 - Of the 15 previously identified sites, only four were deemed available for further consideration at this time. Each of the four presented challenges and com-

plications, but the best option was felt to be to renovate the current Senior Center to house the Supportive Day Care program and Social Services offices and house a new Senior Center in the former Munroe School building. Apart from the Munroe School, there do not appear to be any town-owned sites or existing buildings that will meet the COA's needs within a reasonable time frame.

- The Committee recommended in February 2006 that:
 - The Board of Selectmen determine before the 2006 Annual Town Meeting how the former Munroe School can best serve the community.
 - If the Munroe Center should be used for Senior Center purposes, a feasibility study should be authorized at the 2006 Town Meeting to develop cost estimates for necessary renovations.
 - If the Board determines that the Munroe Center should be used for some purpose other than COA programs, it should immediately establish a new committee to identify and acquire an appropriate site for a new Senior Center from a private party.

Although the Board took no action when the report was presented in February 2006, it subsequently committed to selecting a site by December 2006. ■

Conservation Commission

ROLE: To administer and enforce the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. Ch. 131, s.40) and the Wetland Protection Code of the Town of Lexington

Expenditures	FY06	FY05
Payroll Expenses	\$75,404	\$82,585
	Community Development Budget	
Personnel		
Full Time	2*	2*
Part Time	0	0

**Because of maternity leave and hiring lags, had 2 full-time staff for only 3 months in 2005 and 2 months in 2006.*

General Bylaw Article XXXII); to promote and develop natural resources; to protect the Town's three watersheds and associated waterways and wetlands; to acquire and manage open land for passive recreation; to create buffers; and to provide corridors for wildlife. The Commission's responsibilities include performing site visits; holding hearings and meetings with applicants, abutters, property managers, state and town boards, committees, and subcommittees; issuing permits; managing conservation areas; protecting waterways and wetlands; and educating the public.

APPOINTED by the Town Manager with the approval of the Selectmen for overlapping 3-year terms: Chair Joyce Miller, Vice Chair Philip Hamilton, Angela Frick, David Langseth, Duke Bitsko, Richard Wolk, and Stewart Kennedy. Associate Commissioners: Don Kozak, Community Gardens; David Williams, Land Acquisition; Susan Solomon, Tree Bylaw Committee (all former commissioners); and Kay Tiffany, Hanscom Area Towns Committee. Karen Mullins, Director of Community Development/Conservation Administrator. Michelle Boissoneault resigned as Conservation Assistant in February 2006, and Adam Bossi was hired in October 2006.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Reviewed and acted on 25 Notices of Intent, 4 Abbreviated Notices of Resource Area Delineation, 34 Requests for Determinations, 21 Requests for Amendments to Orders of Conditions, 10 Enforcement Orders/Violations, 21 Certificates of Compliance, 2 Extension Permits, and 3 Conservation Restriction drafts. Held 130 public hearings and performed on-site inspections and monitoring for these and all other on-going projects.
- Held several public hearings to receive comments about the use of conservation land by people with dogs; as a result, the Conservation Commission formed the Conservation Land Use by People with Dogs Subcommittee to make recommendations to the Commission on potential solutions. Adopted several recommendations of the subcommittee; including installing signage at conservation area entrances outlining dog walker responsibilities; communicating with all registered dog owners in Lexington via an insert with the annual dog license mailing; contacting Websites and authors who



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Front, left to right: Philip Hamilton, Joyce Miller, Karen Mullins, Stewart Kennedy. Rear, left to right: Angela Frick, David Langseth, Adam Bossi

identify Lexington conservation areas as dog parks; and amending conservation area rules to forbid any person to possess, be in control of, or be responsible for more than three dogs while on conservation land.

- Assisted the Department of Engineering in the third year of implementation of the Town's National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Stormwater General Permit Notice of Intent for Discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems to comply with federal permit requirements under the NPDES Storm Water Program. The key elements of the Notice of Intent include incorporating best management practices for six minimum controls (public education/outreach, public participation/involvement, illicit discharge detection/elimination, construction site runoff control, postconstruction stormwater management, and pollution prevention/good housekeeping for municipal operations), establishing measurable goals and a 5-year schedule for achieving goals, and designating responsible party(ies).
- Monitored permit compliance at the following major sites (on-going): former Metropolitan State Hospital (solid waste remediation, parkway construction, and Avalon Bay Communities), Brookhaven, Lexington Christian Academy, Starwood Hotel (Sheraton), Pine Meadow Farm, Patriot Partners (Raytheon), and Fiske School.
- Members represented the Conservation Commission to the following committees: Community Preservation Committee, Lexington Housing Partnership, Minuteman Bicycle Advisory Committee, Senior Center Siting

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Conservation Land Inventory

Summary 1964 - 2006	Year(s) Voted/Given	Acres	Total Cost	Fed. Reimb.	State Reimb.	Net Cost to Town
Total Land Acquisition		1345.1	5,382,786	335,406	1,199,031	3,843,349
Cataldo Reservation	'74'84*	5.4	6,150	—	—	6,150
Great Meadow Expansion	'74'82	1.9	3,857	—	—	3,857
Lillian Road at Munroe Brook	'92	1.1	transfer	—	—	—
Orchard Crossing	'88'89#	8.5	gift	—	—	—
Whipple Hill	'63'66-7'74'77*'94#'95#	121.0	142,489	47,487	35,020	59,982
Bowman Park Expansion	'75	1.2	18,000	—	9,000	9,000
Daisy Wilson	'78	8.0	75,995	—	37,997	37,998
Dunback Meadow	'65-6'72'77-8-9'80-1*#	170.5	374,147	87,100	87,050	199,997
Liberty Heights	'74*	5.5	9,596	—	4,618	4,978
West Farm	'66'76'77'85*	12.8	323,000	—	12,100	310,900
Brookhaven	'89#	3.3	gift	—	—	—
Concord Avenue Area	'71'79#'94#	30.7	102,890	—	49,534	53,356
Hayden Woods	69'77-8'81*'03	79.2	157,598	68,304	38,540	45,754
Juniper Hill	'70'72'74#	28.4	120,413	—	56,872	63,541
Metropolitan State Hospital	'73#	6.2	gift	—	—	—
Philbrook Terrace	'89#	2.0	gift	—	—	—
Waltham Line	'77*	12.0	transfer	—	—	—
Waltham Street Farms	'72'76-7*#	41.5	300,450	—	154,225	146,225
Upper Vine Brook	72'75-6'95*'03*	48.7	121,443	—	55,803	65,640
Lower Vine Brook/Pinard Woods	'68-9'75'78-9'81'85*#	98.5	339,235	42,069	147,200	149,966
Munroe Brook Pond	'85#	3.1	gift	—	—	—
Pheasant Brook Estates I	'85'89#	4.6	gift	—	—	—
Pheasant Brook Estates II	'90#	29.7	gift	—	—	—
Shaker Glen	'73	16.8	85,636	—	41,143	44,493
Tower Park Expansion	'87	2.3	180,000	—	—	180,000
Chiesa Farm	'76'85	23.1	1,592,500	—	46,125	1,546,375
Hammer Hill	'79	0.9	gift	—	—	—
Parker Meadow	'76'79'80	17.7	237,000	—	60,000	177,000
Willard's Woods Expansion	64'66'67'79*'95*'02#	104.2	116,786	32,906	17,997	65,883
Woodland Bird Sanctuary	'89#	7.2	gift	—	—	—
Burlington Strip	'71'77*	8.6	106,097	—	—	106,097
Paint Mine	'75'77*	35.5	8,811	—	2,000	6,811
Simonds Brook North	'70'76-7'82#	57.7	291,736	38,526	131,600	121,610
Simonds Brook South	'68'70'79	20.7	49,028	19,014	12,006	18,008
Turning Mill Pond	'77'78'85#	9.7	5,000	—	—	5,000
Turning Mill Road	'89#	4.4	gift	—	—	—
Hastings Sanctuary	'71	1.7	6,000	—	—	6,000
Meagherville/Pine Meadow	'66'77*#95*	90.0	gift/transfer	—	—	—
Meagherville Lots	'91#'93#'94#	0.5	gift	—	—	—
Poor Farm	'83*	10.7	transfer	—	—	—
Valley Road	'82*	3.2	transfer	—	—	—
128 Greenbelt	'78*	11.7	transfer	—	—	—
Bates Road	'91*	9.3	transfer	—	—	—
Cranberry Hill	'77	24.6	73,929	—	15,201	58,728
Fiske Hill	'78'84*	10.2	transfer	—	—	—
Idylwilde	'75	9.4	200,000	—	100,000	100,000
Katahdin Woods	'77'80'89#	37.5	185,000	—	85,000	100,000
Tophet Swamp	'81*	25.5	transfer	—	—	—
Sutherland Woods	'95*	24.9	transfer	—	—	—
Brown Homestead	'95*	6.0	trade	—	—	—
Augusta Land	'96	8.0	150,000	—	—	150,000
Hennessy's Field	99*	10.0	transfer	—	—	—
Hartwell Avenue	03#	4.1	gift	—	—	—
Myrna Road	03#	0.8	gift	—	—	—
North Street	05*	24.4	transfer	—	—	—

* All/part Town-owned transfer # All/part gift

Another 150 acres are protected by restrictions and easements given to the Town by residents. The largest are: Munroe Brook, 65.7 acres; Tophet Swamp/Kiln Brook, 34.3 acres; Potter's Pond, 15.1 acres; and Vine Brook, 9 acres. The others are as small as 0.1 acre. Boston Edison Company licenses 26.4 acres.

Committee, Tree Bylaw Committee, and Middlesex County Land Use Task Force.

- Managed more than 1340 acres of conservation land with the help of volunteer Land Stewards, Eagle Scouts, and the Department of Public Works. Approved the following Eagle Scout projects: reconstruction of the Willard's Woods campfire pits and boardwalk improvements at Willard's Woods and Diamond School. Coordinated a core group of active Land Stewards referred to as Land Steward Directors to provide assistance in managing conservation areas and promoting conservation areas. Sponsored William Brumback, Conservation Director of the New England Wildflower Society, to present his "Controlling Invasive Plants" program at the Annual Spring Land Stewardship meeting. Secured a Department of Conservation and Recreation Recreational Trails Grant, through the assistance of the Bicycle Advisory Committee, to fund supplies and materials to construct bridges, boardwalks, and trails at Dunback Meadow Conservation Area, and held Work Days for volunteers to do the construction.
- Continued to provide a greater level of service, pursuant to state and town wetland laws, than in prior years. Increased development, including additions and major "tear downs," usually has a severe effect on adjacent brooks and streams. Runoff from roofs, driveways, and fertilized lawns is the major cause of stream pollution and flooding because all drainage is directed to the nearest waterway. To help minimize development effects, especially in environmentally sensitive areas, the Commission

approached landowners to encourage them to preserve their open land by donating or selling it to the Town or by placing it under a conservation restriction. ■

Community Preservation Committee Financial Summary - 2006

Property Tax Surcharge Revenues (Est.)	\$2,300,000
Donation	20,000
Total Revenues	2,320,000
Town Meeting Appropriations/Allocations	
1. Open Space	
Reserve	230,000
2. Historic Preservation Reserve	
Reserve	45,000
Police Station Alterations	100,000
Cary Hall Vault Alterations	60,000
Fire Station Alterations	100,000
Hancock Clark House Study	25,000
Lexington Depot Alterations	44,000
Cary Hall Vault Alterations	60,000
3. Community Housing	
Reserve	230,000
4. Administrative Budget	25,000
Total Appropriations and Reserves	919,000
Balance	1,401,000

Community Preservation Committee

ROLE: To review and recommend Community Preservation Act (CPA) projects for open space, affordable housing, historic preservation, and recreation that are submitted to the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) for Town Meeting's approval. Town Meeting has the final vote on all CPA projects.

The CPA statute (M.G.L. c. 44B, as adopted by Lexington Bylaw Sections 23-27 of Chapter 29 of the Code of Lexington) permits the Town to impose a surcharge of up to 3% of the real estate tax levy, as determined annually by the Board of Assessors, which surcharge will be matched by state funds in varying proportions (currently 100%). The funds so raised may be used for the acquisition, creation, and preservation of open space; the acquisition, preservation, rehabilitation, and restoration of historic resources; the acquisition, creation, and preservation of land for recreational use; the acquisition, creation, preservation, and support of community housing; and the rehabilitation or restoration of open space, land for recreational use, and community housing that is acquired or created with CPA funds. CPA funds may not be used for routine maintenance



Photo: Hank Manz

Standing from left to right: Richard Pagett, Norman Cohen, Leo McSweeney, and Joel Adler. Seated left to right: Wendy Manz, Sandra Shaw, Marilyn Fenollosa, and Betsey Weiss. Missing: Richard Wolk.

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or operating costs. The statute requires that at least 10% of the annual expenditures be used or reserved for open space and land acquisition, 10% for historic preservation, and 10% for affordable housing. The remaining 70% may be applied across these initiatives, as well as for acquiring, preserving, and creating land for recreational use.

Voters approved the CPA at the annual town election on March 6, 2006. The first state match will be received on October 15, 2007, and is estimated to be approximately \$2.3 million. All property-owning residents receive an annual \$100,000 exemption from the surcharge on the assessed valuation of their real estate, and households in Town that qualify for low- to moderate-income housing are entitled to a full abatement of the CPA surcharge.

APPOINTED by the Board of Selectmen, in accordance with the terms of the CPA, for terms expiring on June 30, 2007: Chair Betsey Weiss (Housing Partnership), Marilyn Fenollosa (Historical Commission), Richard Wolk (Conservation Commission), Leo McSweeney (Housing Authority), Wendy Manz (Planning Board), Sandra Shaw (Recreation Committee), Joel Adler (at large, appointed by the Board of Selectmen), Norman Cohen (at large, appointed by the Board of Selectmen), and Richard Pagett (at large, appointed by the Board of Selectmen).

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Developed and wrote the CPC project application, which is available on the town website and in the Selectmen's office.
- Developed a CPC town Website page with the Town Management Analyst's help.
- Assisted the Town Finance Director in writing the Town of Lexington Board of Assessor's Taxpayer Information Guide on CPA for FY07 that was sent to homes in July 2006.
- Began developing a CPC Needs Assessment Report to assist in project development and analysis.

- Met frequently and held three public hearings in 2006 (March 30, October 5, and December 14).
- Reviewed and recommended three projects for the consideration of the 2006 Annual Town Meeting's \$60,000 for implementation of environmental controls in the Cary Memorial Building vault, \$100,000 for interior renovations of the Lexington Police Station dispatch room; and \$100,000 for renovations to the Lexington Fire Station on Bedford Street. Town Meeting approved all three projects.
- Reviewed and recommended three projects for the consideration of the 2006 Special Fall Town Meeting: \$25,000 for the preparation of a historic structure report for the Hancock-Clarke House, \$44,000 for the construction of a freight elevator in the Lexington Depot Building, and \$60,000 for the installation of moveable shelving in the Cary Memorial Building vault. Town Meeting approved all three projects.
- Reviewed 13 projects for the 2007 Annual Town Meeting: preparation of a Center Playfield drainage improvements study; restoration of Munroe and the Old Burial Grounds; installation of a fire monitoring system at three historic houses; replacement of the Buckman Tavern boiler; update and expansion of the Comprehensive Cultural Resources Survey; window replacements at Greeley Village (senior affordable housing); preparation of a historic structures report for the East Lexington Library; preparation of a feasibility study for the restoration of Cary Hall as performance space; implementation of unifying town signage for the historic houses and Town Green; funding for the Douglas House project at 7 Oakland St (housing for brain-injured persons); West Lexington walking/bike trail path study; Muzzey Condominium structural study; and an affordable housing deed restriction program. The 13 projects will be voted on in early 2007 for recommendation to 2007 Annual Town Meeting. Two additional projects dealing with the purchase of open space for conservation land may also be reviewed before Town Meeting. ■

Bicycle Advisory Committee

ROLE: To advise the Selectmen and other town boards and departments on issues that concern bicycling and related forms of human-powered transportation; to work with surrounding communities in developing a regional network of safe and efficient interconnections; and to promote these modes of travel as safe and healthful alternatives to the automobile.

APPOINTED by the Selectmen: Chair Stew Kennedy, Harvey Bingham, John Frey, George Gagliardi, Marita Hartshorn, Abe Shenker, Mike Tabaczynski, Jerry Van Hook, and Jim Wichmann. Liaisons: Hank Manz, Selectmen; Sandra Shaw, Recreation; and Richard Canale, Planning. Lifetime member: Jere Frick.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Organized volunteer help and conducted spring clean-up along the Lexington stretch of the Minuteman Bikeway. Continued light pruning and brush removal along the Bikeway and on the Town's other bike paths, as needed, throughout the year. Members served as primary stewards of their sections of the Bikeway, thus providing close scrutiny for problems throughout the year of the entire Lexington portion.
- Working with the Department of Public Works (DPW), identified and prioritized Bikeway maintenance needs for DPW. Conducted a survey of missing and damaged signs along the Bikeway for the DPW to address. With help from

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Friends of Lexington Bikeways, advised DPW on repair of Bikeway bollards and repainting of pavement stop signs at road intersections. Fielded citizens' concerns about safety and visibility at several Bikeway–roadway intersections and coordinated with DPW to correct problems.

- Continued efforts to obtain approval for changes to lane markings on Hartwell Avenue to improve safety for bicyclists and pedestrians, as well as for motorists. To this end, worked closely with Police, Engineering, Planning, DPW, the Traffic Mitigation Group, and the Sidewalk Committee and so advised the Selectmen. Continued to liaise with interested parties at Lincoln Lab who are advocating this. Interest remains high within the Committee to achieve resolution of this serious safety problem.
- Completed the large trail-improvement project, started in 2005, in Dunback Meadow. In cooperation with the Conservation Stewards and as one in a series of projects to improve connections between schools and neighborhoods, this state grant-funded project resulted in an all-season trail system connecting Bowman and Clarke Schools and heretofore separated neighborhoods.
- Submitted a grant application to the State Recreational Trails Program for funds for a 2007 trail improvement project in the Lower Vine Brook and Meagherville conservation areas.
- Continued researching maps and doing site-walks on Town land and over easements leading to town land, particularly near schools, as part of on-going efforts to identify and develop safe walking and bicycling routes for parents and school children.
- Joined with Conservation Stewards, the Conservation Commission, and the Recreation Committee to propose a Community Preservation Act project for 2007. Phase 1 of this project would result in a master plan for a West Lexington Greenway Corridor, threading through all the Town's conservation areas west of I-95 and having as its centerpiece a bicycle–pedestrian trail connecting the Minuteman Bikeway and the Battle Road Trail in the Minuteman National Historical Park.
- Continued coordinating with the Center Committee and the Historical Society to develop mutually compatible plans for improvements in the Depot area and near the center parking lot.



Photo: David S. Tabelling

From left to right: Stew Kennedy, Sandra Shaw, Rich Spencer, Marita Hartshorn, Hank Manz, John Frey (in front), Mike Tabaczynski (behind), Harvey Bingham, Dick Canale, Abe Shenker and Jerry Van Hook.

- Continued outreach to other communities and groups working to establish bikeways and rails-to-trails conversions, leveraging lessons learned from the hugely successful Minuteman Commuter Bikeway. Continued participation in the state legislature's Rails/Trails, Bicycle, Pedestrian caucus meetings and participated in the State Executive Office of Transportation's update of plans for the statewide bicycling network. Participated in the Metropolitan Area Planning Council Transportation Advisory Committee's Belmont, Waltham, Lexington Sub-Area study.
- Joined with the departments of Public Works, Engineering, and Conservation in oversight of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority's 2006 sewer relining project along a portion of the Minuteman Bikeway.
- Continued to Support the Sidewalk Committee and the Traffic Mitigation Group by providing an active member as a liaison to each.
- Through several members' active participation, provided close liaison with Conservation Stewards' work. ■

SOCIAL SERVICES

Social Services Department

Expenditures	FY06	FY05
COA Payroll	\$114,587	\$128,960
COA Expenses	\$134,802	\$164,441
Youth Services	\$ 46,535	\$ 36,888
Developmentally Disabled	\$ 14,839	\$ 14,839
Veterans' Payroll	\$ 35,358	\$ 33,853
Veterans' Expenses	\$ 22,981	\$ 18,381
Personnel		
Full Time	6	7
Part Time	5	4

ROLE: To provide a variety of social services, including direct client services, support and referral related to basic needs, promotion of health and well-being, advocacy, educational and family support programs, cultural outreach, and recreational programs for residents of all ages and backgrounds. In collaboration with other town and school departments, community groups, and government agencies, to identify works to provide appropriate programs and services in a professional manner that respects the dignity of all individuals served.

APPOINTED by the Town Manager: Director Lauren McSweeney, March 2004.

The Social Services Department is located in the Senior Center at 1475 Massachusetts Avenue in the Muzzey Condominium building. The location has been advantageous for users of the Senior Center and the Social Workers, considering that the majority of the services provided by the Department are for senior citizens. With the 2004 addition of a Youth and Family Services Coordinator to the staff, the Department is now able to provide services to resident of all ages. The building is accessible to persons with disabilities.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Thanks to further development of the Department's Senior Health Monitor team, consisting of the Social Services Nurse, the Social Services Coordinator, and the Supportive Day Care Director, provided for collaborative services for health assessments and appropriate referrals, develop in-home care plans, make regular visits to people in their homes, and provide limited nursing services as appropriate.
- Provided outreach and advocacy services to approximately 2,730 individuals.
- Through the Adult Supportive Day Care program, provided support to 68 individuals and respite for their families. With encouragement from the Board of Selectmen and the Council on Aging Board, the program opened a fifth day, providing services to clients Monday through Friday each week.

- Enrolled 37 eligible homeowners in the Senior Tax Work Program, with departments across Town using the expertise of participating seniors. Seniors gave 3,512 hours of service to the municipality in exchange for a reduction in their real estate tax bills.
- Continued as supporting participants of Central Middlesex Association for Retarded Citizens. An average of 27 people from Lexington are employed and receive services from this program.
- Worked in cooperation with Minuteman Senior Services to provide 19,679 Meals on Wheels and 3,910 congregate meals at the Senior Center.
- Provided more than 383 hours to seniors in need of assistance preparing their tax returns, with volunteers trained by AARP.
- With volunteers trained through Minuteman Senior Services, provided health benefit counseling to 334 individuals through the SHINE program. This number reflects a 40% increase from last year, largely due to assistance provided to seniors making choices about Medicare Part D enrollment.
- Managed Senior Center programs and operations. Professionals and volunteers led groups dealing with finance; health; physical fitness; fine and applied arts; poetry; local, national, and international government; current events; dance; music; travel; day trips; computers; film; history; spirituality; and games. Staff successfully focused on further development of Health and Wellness programming, which program participants indicate they are interested in.
- Mailed 47,364 newsletters, collated monthly by Senior Center volunteers.
- Continued recommendation of families for assistance to the Trustees of Public Trusts through the Human Services Fund and the Fund for Lexington. Funds for the Human Services Fund are disbursed directly through the Social Services Department, and Fund for Lexington requests are submitted through the department to the fund committee.
- Provided staff support and coordination to the Council on Aging Board, the Human Services Committee, the Fair Housing and Human Relations Committee, the Commission of Disability, the Friends of the Council on Aging, the No Place For Hate Committee, and the Youth Services Council.
- Presented Shirley Stolz with the Minuteman Cane Award for her many years of outstanding dedication and service to Lexington. A reception was held in her honor at the Senior Center. ■

Council on Aging

ROLE: As an advisory committee to the Department of Social Services, to recommend policies to support and advocate for seniors with regard to their changing social, educational, and health-related needs.

APPOINTED by the Town Manager: Chair Marian Cohen, Betty Borghesani, Shirley Buck, Bob Edwards, Dan Fenn, Paul Lapointe, Leo McSweeney, Frieda Oliner, Nicholas Santosuosso, and Jane Trudeau.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Through the efforts of the Senior Center Action Plan Committee, presented to the Board of Selectmen preliminary findings on program and space requirements for construction of a new Senior Center. A final report requested that the Board of Selectmen designate a site and establish a budget and timeline for the design and construction of a new Senior Center.

- Submitted recommendations to the Board of Selectmen for their annual goal-setting exercise in July. Recommendations included implementation of a town-wide reverse 911 system and continuing efforts for a new Senior Center.
- Supported a proposal submitted by the Muzzey High Condominium community requesting Community Preservation Act funding for a study of the building's condition.
- Supported the efforts of long-time resident Mary Gillespie as she coordinated the creation of Lexington Remembers, a cable television program documenting history in the community.
- Long-time Council on Aging Board member Don Graham resigned from the board for health reasons. His valuable contribution to the Board will be missed, as his input was always appreciated. ■

Human Services Committee

ROLE: To review the provision of social services to citizens of Lexington and to assess their adequacy; to make policy and program recommendations to the Board of Selectmen about new or amended services.

APPOINTED by the Board of Selectmen: Chair William Blout, Robert Dentler, Sarah Conklin, Pamela Joshi, Ellen McDonald, Herbert Wassermann, and Selectmen liaison Norman Cohen. Staffed by Social Services Coordinator Kelly Magee.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Completed a collaborative study of the services available to assist "Disconnected Persons in Lexington": individuals or households who lack supportive connections with relatives, friends, and community. Data were collected from more than 16 town departments and agencies in Lexington and neighboring communities that provide help to Lexington residents. Results indicated that 150 to 300 Lexington individuals and families were in need of basic services such as shelter, food, transportation, and health. The Committee found significant gaps in programs and access to and coordination of services.
- In a presentation to the Selectmen in June, recommended short- and long-term solutions encompassing three categories of need: (1) dissemination of information and improved access to services, (2) planning and coordination of resources, and (3) implementation of specific programs. Specific recommendations called for the Social Services Department to prepare and disseminate a "Social Services Guide," an online Resource Directory, or both; a phone



Seated from left to right: Sarah Conklin, William Blout, Herbert Wasserman. Standing from left to right: Ellen McDonald, Kelly Magee, Norman Cohen, Robert Dentler. Not Pictured: Pamela Joshi.

line connecting residents directly to the Department; and a regionally coordinated, collaborative approach with agencies of surrounding towns; for the Board of Selectman to establish a planning group to develop placement alternatives for homeless persons and families when the Battle Green Inn is demolished; and for the schools, Town, and

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community groups to provide after-school transportation for students and a youth center to reach at-risk youth.

- In the fall, worked with the Social Services Department, schools, and Clergy Association to implement some of these specific recommendations, including development of an online resource guide, transportation for students, and a community-based meal.

- In December, endorsed the efforts of the Youth Services Council to build town youth and family services, starting with town funding for a community outreach position. Began a review of town services for seniors with an eye toward evaluating senior services relative to those provided in other communities and making recommendations to the Selectmen in 2007. ■

Commission on Disability

ROLE: To ensure that people with disabilities are fully integrated into all aspects of the Town and that all can fully participate seamlessly and without barriers. The Commission makes recommendations concerning the implementation of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) within the Town. Members review and recommend town policies as they affect those with disabilities and provide information, guidance, and technical assistance to individuals and agencies.

APPOINTED by the Town Manager: Chair Victoria Buckley, Susan Cusack, Charles Burt Cole, Hank Manz, Michael Martignetti, Leonard Morse-Fortier, and Francine Stieglitz. Staffed by ADA Coordinator Kelly Magee.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Collaborated with other town committees (including Design Advisory Committee, Historic Districts Commission, Lexington Center Committee, Sidewalk Committee, and Tree Committee) and the Department of Public Works to provide recommendations to the Board of Selectmen regarding sidewalk materials that are suitable for all citizens, because conventional brick is not user-friendly for people with disabilities. Considerations include vibration criteria, rolling resistance, and slip resistance. These discussions continue into next year as a pilot sidewalk segment is being planned in the center.
- Presented at Town Meeting about access problems with conventional brick sidewalks.
- Collaborated with Town Engineer to make Cary Hall more accessible, especially the Bird Room, as well as to improve the sound system for citizens with hearing impairments.
- Assisted the Sidewalk Committee in reviewing sidewalk safety and accessibility, especially concerning the Safe Routes to School project. Requested that sidewalk inventory include where curb cuts are missing and where there are impediments to safe access (such as utility poles and trees placed in the center of sidewalks).
- Continued to investigate how to balance needs of people with disabilities with historical preservation concerns.
- Worked with other town committees and businesses on projects concerning access. Several businesses were very cooperative and accommodating: Jasmine Sola, Berman's, and Upper Crust.
- Continued to develop plans for future changes to make all public buildings fully accessible by prioritizing the list of public buildings that still need to be renovated for ADA compliance, focusing on safe entry, paths of travel, and restroom access.
- Met with Capital Expenditures Committee to plan projects within the capital building envelope budget.
- Attended meetings of the newly reorganized Design Review Team to be more proactive in ensuring that new programs and buildings are seamlessly accessible.
- Talked with Town Manager Carl Valente about the need for the Commission on Disability to be involved earlier in the project planning process and how to best facilitate this.
- Discussed the need to become part of the approval check-off process for allocations for Common Victualler Licenses and building permits.
- Defined the Commission's challenge for the future as being advocates for those with disabilities; providing education to raise consciousness about the rights of people with disabilities; and ensuring full and seamless inclusion for all citizens in town events, programs, and projects. ■

Lexington Youth Commission

ROLE: To provide and promote community service activities for the town's high school students.

APPOINTED by the Town Manager: Chair Nancy Lee Barter, Beverly Kelley, Doug Lucente, Sean Maloney, Kathy Litchfield, Maria Kostorizos.

APPOINTED by the Chair: President Kristina Hankins; Vice-President Melissa Lehman; Co-Secretaries Kate Cerundolo, Haley Busa; Treasurer Kevin Schuster; Team Captains John Bienkowski, Alicia Maestri, Devin Shaw, Kate Wilson; Youth Members Alicia DiFronzio, Andrew Ding, Kaitlyn Foley, Ben Fonseca-Moreria, James Gallagher, Joey Hankins, Jacklyn Harvell, Greg Johnson, Julie Langseth, Ned Lehman, David Maestri, Graham Marvin, Audrey McCullough, Ryan McNabb, Rachel McNeill, Meikle Paschal, Seth Politi, Eric Simmons, Ben Smith, Alex Sullivan, Amanda Ting, Rachel Villari, Olivia Wilson

HIGHLIGHTS

- Fall and spring clean-up for the Lexington Youth Commission island, planting new flowers and shrubs
- Halloween decorations around the center in October
- Turkey deliveries to families in need with the Rotary Club
- December toy drive for families in need in Lexington
- Delivered holiday and Valentine's Day dinners to Lexington seniors for Council on Aging
- Storytelling and games to first and second graders in elementary schools in September and January
- Handed out 5,000 American flags to children along the Patriot's Day parade route and won first prize for parade float ■



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Top row from left to right: Audrey McCullough, Rachel MacNeil, Ryan McNabb, Alicia DiFronzo, Graham Marvin, Greg Johnson, Team Captain: Devin Shaw, Jaclyn Harvell, Team Captain: Kate Wilson, Eric Simmons, Meikle Paschal, David Maestri, Ned Lehman, Amanda Ting, James Michael Gallagher, Alex Sullivan, Adult Advisor: Sean Maloney, Joey Hankins, Kaitlin Foley, Team Captain: John Bienkowski, Team Captain: Alicia Maestri, Julie Langseth, Rachel Villari, Ben Fonseca-Moreira, Andrew Ding, Ben Smith. Bottom row: Adult Advisor: Kathy Litchfield, Adult Advisor: Doug Lucente, Chairwoman: Nancy Barter, President: Kristina Hankins, Co-Secretary: Katie Cerundolo, Co-Secretary: Haley Busa, Treasurer: Kevin Schuster. Missing Members: Vice President: Melissa Lehman, Seth Politi, Olivia Wilson. Missing Adults: Beverly Kelley, Maria Kostorizos

Cary Memorial Library

ROLE: To provide the Lexington community with materials, resources, and services that promote life-long learning

and cultural enrichment; to provide collections in a variety of formats to a culturally and educationally diverse population; and to provide a knowledgeable, responsible staff to facilitate the retrieval of information and use of the Library's resources.

The governing body of the Library, established by the will of Maria Hastings Cary, is the Board of Library Trustees, consisting of the Town's settled ministers, principal clergy of each congregation in Town, and Selectmen and School Committee members.

APPOINTED by the Trustees: Director Connie Rawson.

The Trustees elect the Executive Committee: Chair Scott Burson, Tom Diaz, Jeanne Krieger, Richard Pagett, Norman Cohen, and Howard Jaffee. In March, Helen Cohen was elected to the Executive Committee, and Norman Cohen replaced Scott Burson as Chairman. In October, Rabbi Howard Jaffee was elected Vice Chairman.

State Certification and Library Funding

Cary Memorial Library achieved certification status for fiscal year 2006 and was eligible to receive state aid of \$35,554.

The Library complied with all standards except for Materials Expenditures. By Massachusetts's law, Lexington is in a population group that must spend 13% of its total budget on collections or risk a reduction in or total loss of state funding. In FY06, Cary Library spent 12% of its total operating budget on the Library's collections, which resulted in a 12% reduction in state aid. The total expended was \$240,166. Of that amount, the Town contributed \$53,370. The remainder came from private sources and fines. Materials expenditures that fall below 10.4% result in a loss of certification and state funding. Decertification usually results in the lack of interlibrary loan service. Also, cardholders may lose borrowing privileges in other towns. Although there is a waiver process in place for a part of the state requirements, there is none for this component.

In Lexington, the Town relies substantially on private funding to meet its 13% obligation to the collections. In FY06, these sources accounted for \$186,796. A most significant private source of funding is the Trustees' endowment,

Expenditures	FY06	FY05
<i>Payroll</i>	\$1,372,783	\$1,400,313
<i>Expenses</i>	\$ 347,692	\$ 276,859
Personnel		
<i>Full Time</i>	24	25
<i>Part Time</i>	25	23
Circulation	647,554	614,698

which was valued at \$873,433 as of November 31, 2006. The endowment is down significantly from \$2,082,000 accrued before the building renovation. With the endowment less robust than it used to be, the Library's ability to generate non-tax revenue to meet the 13% standard has become increasingly difficult. Although private contributions, including gifts from the Friends and the Cary Memorial Library Foundation, have become of growing importance, the ultimate responsibility to meet certification requirements rests with the Town.

Adult and Young Adult Services

- Reference librarians answered more than 3,300 questions per month, an increase of 10% since 2005. The busiest time continued to be Sunday afternoon.
- More than 4,500 people per month used the library's Internet connections, both wired and wireless.
- The library's Door-to-Door delivery program averaged 16 deliveries a month to patrons who are unable to visit the library.
- Young Adult programming continued to grow and expand, adding a summer film program as well as offering films on school half days and adding the Dance Dance Revolution programs to the already popular Halloween Ball, Tales Told By Teens, and author visits. There are 27 Teen Advisory Board members ranging in age from 13 to 18.
- With funds from the Cary Memorial Library Foundation, the library purchased two databases for patrons to access from home: downloadable audio books and the Rosetta Stone language courses. There have been more than 1,000 downloads of online audio books since the library's subscription began in June 2006.
- During National Library Week, a series of programs was produced on "Cary Memorial Library – What's in it for You?" Sessions on technology and business resources were especially well received.
- In February, artists chosen by the Art Selection Committee began mounting monthly displays in the three library gallery spaces. The exhibits and the artists' receptions have proven to be popular with the public.
- Study rooms were used an average of 298 times per month—a 43% occupancy rate.

Circulation Department

- Circulated 353,605 items from the adult collection, an increase of 4.6% over last year.
- Added a touch-screen self-checkout terminal that has been popular; the self-checkout terminal was used for nearly 10% of the items checked out.
- Registered 2,523 new library patrons.

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- Resource sharing between libraries in the Minuteman Library Network continued to be a significant part of library service. This year, Lexington loaned 31,104 items to other libraries in the network (an 18.7% increase over 2005) and borrowed 63,193 items from those network libraries (a 7.9% increase over 2005).

Children's Services

- Circulated 293,949 items, 45% of the Library's total circulation and an increase of 6.2% over circulation in 2005; 3,567 books and 518 audio-visual items were added to the Children's Room collection, including 1,394 items donated through the Friends of Cary Memorial Library.
- Children's Room staff answered 6,792 reference questions, registered 857 new borrowers, mounted 70 topical book displays, and created 25 children's program flyers and newsletters and 15 children's book lists.
- 1,199 patrons used the Children's Room Internet terminal, and 1,689 used the children's CD-ROM terminal.
- 14,605 patrons attended 314 children's programs. This figure includes the 1,409 participants in the Summer Reading Program, which encouraged children and their families to spend a total of 27,160 hours reading.
- A wide range of special events served infants through elementary school-age students, including movies, sing-along programs, story times, craft programs, book discussions, creative writing, knitting, book illustration, live animal shows, magic and storytelling performances, and the fifth annual Library Truck Day. A Scrabble Cub was offered cooperatively with the Lexington Recreation Department.

Technology

- During National Library Week in April, Library technology staff, along with patrons and school library staff, hosted a forum on the future of library resources: "Beyond the Printed Page." Staff also presented to business owners a demonstration of available technology in the meeting room, which was well attended.
- Through the generosity of the Cary Memorial Library Foundation, a document camera and a SmartBoard were purchased for use with other audiovisual equipment in the meeting room. Use of our equipment increased dramatically this year; there were more than 300 meetings or events in the Library at which audiovisual equipment was used to enhance presentations.
- Comcast donated a cable modem to the Library in July, a gift that has allowed guest Internet access to be channeled through a broadband connection, effectively increasing available bandwidth and speed to our patrons who bring their own Internet-ready equipment to use in the Library.
- There were 13,112 visits to the Library's website, www.caryllibrary.org, from PCs outside the Library.
- The Library received an average of 1,875 telephone calls per month. Of these, calls to the three public service desks averaged 1,630 per month.

Personnel

- Four long-time staff members retired: Louise Clark (18 years in Circulation), Laura Kulin (20 years as Branch Supervisor), Judy Adams (21 years in Reference), and Deborah Baer (14 years in Reference). Assistant Director Nanci Milone Hill resigned, and Kathleen Quinlan was selected as the new Assistant Director. Public Service/Technology Librarian Sharon Pei resigned, and

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Holdings Information

	Adult		Children's		Total	
	FY07	FY06	FY07	FY06	FY07	FY06
Books	130,140	134,267	71,653	74,541	201,793	208,808
Print Periodicals	663	785	119	113	782	898
Audio	6,729	7,310	2,065	2,620	8,794	9,930
Videocassettes/DVDs	5,774	6,553	2,136	2,099	7,910	8,652
Materials in Electronic Format	15	19	466	302	481	321
Materials in Microform	7,306	7,394	0	0	7,306	7,394
Miscellaneous (e.g., kits, framed art work, puppets, slide sets, films, filmstrips)	0	1,583	164	164	164	1,747
Totals	150,627	157,911	76,603	79,839	227,230	237,750

Katherine Leppanen joined the staff in this position. Rosa Tsai and Catherine Ghorbani joined the staff as Reference Librarians. Jennifer Webb, a Library Assistant who had earned her MLS while working at the library, was selected as Bibliographic Services Librarian. Two part-time staff members filled full-time vacancies, and four part-time vacancies were filled.

Friends of Cary Memorial Library

- Contributed \$12,000 to the adult book and audiovisual budget and \$4,200 to Children's Room programs. Helped purchase a movie performance license that enables the library to show popular feature films. The Friends' semi-annual sales of gently used books, coordinated by Phyllis Brooks, generate these much-appreciated funds.
- Sponsored five evening programs, including author presentations and musical events, and hosted a popular film/discussion series.
- Purchased museum passes and discounts.

- Facilitated and purchased outdoor sign for East Lexington Branch Library.
- Supplied more than 100 volunteers who worked nearly 3,000 hours to help keep the library running smoothly. Betsy Allen and Linda Cohen ably coordinate this essential program.

Cary Memorial Library Foundation

- Fundraising activities enabled the transfer of more than \$110,000 during FY06 to fund materials, databases, programs, and building campaign projects.
- Worked with library staff members to create community surveys on adult programming and children's services. These surveys generated more than 500 responses.
- Worked with library staff to plan and publicize National Library Week activities.
- Sponsored the "Mind-Body" weekend of events, including demonstrations, discussions, a guided meditation, and author signings. ■

Lexington Council for the Arts

ROLE: To invite applications each year for grants that support various cultural activities in Town. To assess requests and grant awards.

The Local Cultural Programs and Pass Programs are an integral part of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency that provides allocations to each of Massachusetts' 351 cities and towns. Lexington's allocation was increased from \$3390 in 2005 to \$4230 in 2006. Of the 39 grant applications received, requesting \$24,216, the Council approved partial grants totaling \$3905 that subsidized attendance by students in the Lexington Public Schools at a wide range of regional arts events and other workshops and performances. The Council also raises funds from private sources to promote the arts in Lexington.

APPOINTED by the Board of Selectmen: Chair Barbara Ciampa, Secretary Janet Post, Treasurer Mary Trometer, Jackie Hawkinson, Bill Janovitz, and Jonathan Cue. Resignations were received from long-serving members Alan Adolph, Marian Kilson, and Joan Reddy.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Continued recruitment of volunteers to enhance the Council's membership.
- Encouraged early and coordinated applications for school Pass grants.

- Established subcommittee to reinstate the Patrons Fund.
- Administered the Emma Lou Dimmock Fund prize to Lexington High School student William Goldie.
- Two members attended the board and committee training program sponsored by the Board of Selectmen and the Town Manager.
- Continued discussion with Cary Library personnel for earmarked gift. ■



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From left to right: Janet Post, secretary; Jonathan Cue, Jackie Hawkinson, Mary Trometer, treasurer; Bill Janovitz, Barbara Ciampa, chairman.

Recreation

ROLE: To plan and administer public playgrounds and recreational facilities in the Town and to expand and promote recreation, leisure activities, play, sport, physical fitness, and education for all citizens.

APPOINTED by the Town Manager: Chair Rick DeAngelis, Vice Chair Richard

Thuma, Sandra Shaw, Bob Boudreau, and Wendy Rudner. Staff Director Karen Simmons, Assistant Director Sheila Butts, and Superintendent of Public Grounds David Pinsonneault.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Served 132,033 participants through recreational programs and Pine Meadow, Golf Course.
- Increased numbers of participants in pre-school, youth, and teen programs; adult gym; kindergarten soccer; moms softball league; adult water exercise and aerobics programs at the Town pool; summer camp; and clinic programs. Increased numbers of recreation programs offered, swimming hours at pool and Old Reservoir, and number of volunteers assisting with Recreation programs and activities.
- Permitted 50,955 hours on ball fields and updated Field Use and Permitting Policy for all user groups.
- Completed renovation of the Rindge Avenue playground equipment and fencing.
- Completed tennis and basketball court reconstruction at the Adams School site.
- Succeeded in obtaining the appropriation of capital monies at the 2006 Town Meeting to fund:
 - Hydrology study at Pine Meadows Golf Course, which was begun in fall 2006.
 - Removal of the dilapidated playground facility and equipment at the center playground and installation of a new, up-to-date playground and equipment. Project completed in November 2006.
 - Development of an infrastructure study of the Town pool complex.
- Developed various new programs, including opening the Old Reservoir to non-residents, RAD self-defense classes for women, NIA exercise programs for adults, Red Cross Guard Start Program, Science Adventures and self-defense programs for children, and youth and adult tennis tournaments.
- Continued partnerships and collaborations with the Lincoln Park Sub-committee and with Minuteman Tech at

Expenditures*	FY06	FY05
Payroll	\$496,697	\$484,084
Expenses	\$928,109	\$844,761
Personnel		
Full Time	5	5
Seasonal/ Part Time	175	175

*Financed by the Recreation Enterprise Fund through user fees (including Pine Meadows Golf Course). Indirect transfers are not included. In addition, the Recreation Enterprise Fund contributes \$100,000 per year toward the Lincoln Park debt service, \$100,000 for services provided by the Parks Department, and approximately \$22,000 toward employee benefits.

Pine Meadows Golf Course. Partnered with the Youth Services Council and the Social Services, Police, and School Departments to offer Middle School Early Release Day Programs and with Cary Library to facilitate a Youth Scrabble Club.

- Received a Sun Protection Grant in partnership with the Health Department and the Massachusetts Recreation and Park Association and a National Cancer Institute Pool Cool Grant to promote sun safety and skin cancer awareness. Received a U.S. Tennis Association Tennis in the Parks Grant to promote community tennis programs.
- Sponsored evening adult indoor soccer and basketball at Diamond Middle School, adult basketball and jogging and family night gym at the high school field house. Facilitated the summertime Nike Field Hockey Camp and Boys Lacrosse Camp at Lincoln Park.

Recreation also appreciates the many partnerships that have been developed to better serve the recreational needs of our citizens. These include Lexington Youth Lacrosse, Lexington United Soccer Club, Lexington Little League and Babe Ruth League, LBH Pop Warner, Boy Scouts and Eagle Scouts, Sutherland Park Committee, Lincoln Park Subcommittee, Friends of Rindge Park, Bicycle Advisory Committee, LHS Helping Hands, Minute Man Regional High, and other town departments, such as the schools, library, conservation, and public works. ■



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Front from left to right: Karen Simmons, Director of Recreation; Rick DeAngelis, Chair; Robert Boudreau. Second row from left to right: Wendy Rudner, Sandra Shaw, Richard Thuma, Vice Chair. Rear from left to right: Dave Pinsonneault, Superintendent of Public Grounds, Sheila Butts, Asst. Director of Recreation.

Tourism Committee

ROLE: To improve the quality of the Lexington tourist experience for visitors and the Town by coordinating the efforts of state, regional, and local organizations.

Expenditures	FY06	FY05
Liberty Ride Payroll	\$25,723	\$26,167*
Expenses	\$69,883	\$52,100*
Seasonal	Personnel	
	15	6

**All expenditures for the Liberty Ride were covered by operating revenue and donations. There was no cost to the taxpayers.*

APPOINTED by the Board of Selectmen: Chair Kerry Brandin, Dawn McKenna, Susan Bennett, Richard Canale, Bill Scouler, Bebe Fallick, Chuck French, John Ott, Paul O'Shaughnessy, and Lou Sideris. Mary Jo Bohart was appointed in the fall to represent the Chamber of Commerce. Dawn McKenna, the former Selectmen Liaison, was appointed and elected to chair the Committee in October, a position held for the previous three years by Kerry Brandin, who will continue as a member. Selectmen liaison Richard Pagett. Liberty Ride Program Coordinator and Director of Battle Green Guides Masha Traber.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Operated the fourth season of the Liberty Ride at no expense to the Town. By the end of FY06, revenues exceeded expenses slightly, which accounted for a break-even operation for the first time in its four years of operation.
- Launched the fifth season of the Liberty Ride, expanding operations into May with the program. The Liberty Ride continues to attract visitors from across the country and around the world. Starting operation in May enables visitors from states that begin their summer holiday in May to take advantage of the Ride before the busy tourist season in Massachusetts. This year, the Committee has been working on developing a supply of authentic costumes to enhance the appearance of the guides. The charter program continues to expand. Because of the amount of work in the off season, the Liberty Ride Coordinator will be paid a small stipend throughout the off season. The



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From left to right: John Ott; Richard Canale; Dawn McKenna; Mary Jo Bohart; Kerry Brandin, Chairman Paul O'Shaughnessy; Lou Sideris. Richard Pagett, Selectman; Bebe Fallick; and Masha Traber, Liberty Ride Coordinator. Missing from photo: Susan Bennett.

Liberty Ride trademark protection was extended to include the uses that have occurred to date. Further uses are being reserved, because we anticipate the introduction of clothing and goods for sale in the coming seasons.

- Continued management of the Battle Green Guides program. The guides continue to be an important part of the tourist experience. They are now available as a resource to tourists on a regular basis between April and October.
- Continued to work on providing consistent directional signs to help guide visitors to the Town's historic sites and attractions. It is hoped that this project will get underway this year. In addition, we have been working with the Center Committee and the committee concerned about engine idling to remove excess signs in Lexington center. In the coming year, improvements should occur in center signage. ■

Cary Lecture Series Committee

ROLE: To provide a variety of free, educational, and entertaining events open to all citizens of Lexington in accordance with the will of the Cary sisters.

APPOINTED by the Moderator: Chair Nancy Shepard, Barbara Palant, Lawrence Kernan, and associate member John Rosenberg.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- As part of our 2005-2006 season, held our first program for 2006 in February at Cary Hall. The program was "Jazz, Rock 'n' Roll and More: Sources and Transformations," which featured Ray Green and his band Night Shift. The focus was on tracing contemporary American music from Africa up the Mississippi and on to New York and Los Angeles. The Lexington High School Jazz Combo also performed.
- Held the first program of our 2006-2007 season at the National Heritage Museum in September. The topic was "The War of Faith and Science: Is There a Resolution?" The speaker was Dr. Chet Raymo, a Stonehill College professor and former Boston Globe columnist.
- In October, hosted WBUR commentator Bill Littlefield spoke at the National Heritage Museum on "Why Being a Sportswriter is the Best Job in the World."
- Wrapped up the year in December at the National Heritage Museum with former United States Poet



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From left to right: Nancy Shepard, John Rosenberg, Barbara Palant, Larry Kernan.

Laureate Robert Pinsky speaking on "Why Do People Crave Art?"

- Continued our mission to bring to Lexington a range of cultural experiences that might not otherwise be available. We welcome suggestions for future programming. ■

Town Celebrations Committee

ROLE: To plan and carry out proper observances of

Patriots' Day, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and all such holidays and special events as the Board of Selectmen may designate.

APPOINTED by the Board of Selectmen for overlapping 3-year terms: Chair Robert Tracey, Suzanne Barry, Paul Campbell, Sally Fisher, Mary Gillespie, Jo-Anne Granger, Sondra Lucente, Henry Murphy, Sandra Podgorski, Charles Price, Jr. Subcommittee: Paul Jenkins, Julie Miller, William Mix, John Rossi, James Shaw. Honorary Members: C. Jean Coates and Marion Snow. Selectman liaison Norman Cohen.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- *Patriots' Day – Monday, April 17, 2006*

Jason Fishman, Lexington High School Senior Class President, led the Youth Parade and served as master of ceremonies for the ceremonies on the Battle Green after the parade. Reverend Arnold Colletti, St. Brigid's Parish, gave the invocation and benediction. Lexington High School stu-

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Expenditures	FY06	FY05
<i>Expenses</i>	\$25,000	\$24,300



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Front from left to right: Sondra Lucente, Sandra V. Podgorski, Robert J. Tracey, Julie Miller, Mary E. Gillespie. Rear from left to right: Sally J. Fisher, Norman Cohen, Henry C. Murphy, Paul W. Jenkins, Paul Campbell.

dent David Collins sang the National Anthem. The following awards were presented:

- Laura Sofen received the Cecil K. Harris Award from the Lexington Minute Men Company.
- Susan Bennett was presented the Dan H. Fenn, Jr./Lexington Minute Men Company award.
- Karen Gaughan was presented the William P. Fitzgerald Appreciation award, which is in honor of Fitzgerald, who served on the Town Celebrations Committee for 20 years.
- Kirsten DiFronzo and Tom Irving were presented the Youth Recognition Award.
- Shirley Bolton Hill Stolz was the recipient of the 2006 Minuteman Cane Award.
- Winston Flynn was presented the 2006 White Tricorn Hat by Lexington Lions Club President David Fitch.

The 2006 afternoon Parade Theme was "Lexington – The First Shot for Freedom." Chief Marshal for the afternoon Parade was Bill Kennedy. His Chief of Staff was Suzie Barry, supported by Aides Sig Pullman, Bill Small, and Gordon Barnes. Serving as the Spirit of '76 were Ryan Woodhouse (flag bearer), Molly Keeping (fifer), and Dina Tyson (drummer).

The Town Celebrations Committee expresses its thanks to the Lexington Chamber of Commerce, local businesses, and the organizations who contributed to the success of the 2006 Parade.

• **Memorial Day – Monday, May 29, 2006**

Chief Marshal Hank Manz, his aides, and members of Lexington VFW Post 3007 led the Memorial Day Parade. Members of the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts assisted with wreath laying at Westview and Munroe Cemeteries, the

Lexington Police Department Memorial in front of the Police Department, the Korean and Vietnam Memorial at the Cary Memorial Building, the Soldiers Monument near the Visitors Center, the Old Burying Ground, and the Revolutionary War Monument on the Battle Green. Jason Fishman, Senior Class President, read General Logan's Orders of the Day and recited the Gettysburg Address at Munroe Cemetery.

Reverend Peter Meek offered the invocation and benediction on the Battle Green. David Collins, accompanied by the LHS Band, sang the National Anthem. Jeanne Krieger, Chair of the Board of Selectmen, read the Governor's Proclamation for Memorial Day. Captain James White, USAF, gave the address of the day.

• **Veterans Day, Saturday, November 11, 2006**

Chief Marshal was Captain Gresh Lattimore., USN (Ret). His Aides were VFW Post 3007 members. Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts assisted with wreath laying at the Korean/Vietnam Memorial in front of Cary Memorial Building, the WWII Memorial near the Visitors Center, the Soldiers Monument next to Buckman Tavern, and the Revolutionary, MIA/POW Monuments on the Battle Green.

Colonel Tom Schluckebier, Commander, 66th Air Base Wing, Hanscom Air Force Base (HAFB), gave the address of the day. Captain Jeremy Bastian, Chaplain, HAFB offered the invocation and benediction. Alexandra Whitfield sang the National Anthem to open the program, accompanied by the high school band, with Jeff Leonard and Justin Armadi conducting; she concluded the ceremonies with God Bless America.

At the end of the ceremonies, the students presented all veterans in attendance a floral tribute. ■

Dolores Hidalgo Sister City Committee

ROLE: To continue cultural exchanges between Lexington residents and the town of Dolores Hidalgo, Mexico, that began in 1966. These cities were linked because each has the distinction of being the birthplace of its country's independence.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Chair Ellie Noz, Gloria Holland, Cheryl Ricci, Kathy Hestand, Carroll Ann Bottino, Bill Noz, Alma MacDonald, Mike MacDonald, and Eva Gil.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- In July, five guests from Dolores Hidalgo visited Lexington. Two of the guests, Jose and Brenda Azanza, were the initial organizers of the program in Dolores and

of the first to visit Lexington in 1966. Activities included a tour of Lexington center, including Cary Library; a day in Rockport; several potluck suppers; and a traditional July 4th barbeque.

- In September, Bill and Ellie Noz and Steve and Linda Curran visited Dolores Hidalgo for Mexico's Independence Day festivities, which included luncheons in historic colonial restaurants, a symphonic concert by the orchestra of the University of Guanajuato, a welcome reception hosted by the mayor of Dolores, a farewell candlelight dinner, and a farewell breakfast accompanied by mariachis. ■

Communications Advisory Committee

ROLE: To advise the Board of Selectmen on all aspects of wired and wireless communication and data services to and within the Town; to serve as ombudsman for town users of such services; when stipulated by the Selectmen, to represent the Town in negotiations and during contractual/license relationships with providers of those services; when stipulated by the Selectmen, to monitor and evaluate compliance of any Lexington-contracted Public, Education, and Governmental (PEG) Access Corporation; to oversee any network that includes municipal or school buildings; to help set town regulations and review applications to the Town for wired and wireless communications and data services; and to advise the Selectmen and other town officials on managing the Town's growing information-handling needs and any supporting networks.

APPOINTED by the Selectmen: Chair Jeanne Canale (administrative operations), David Becker (technology and Access Initiative), David Buczkowski (legal and regulations), Edmond Vail III (wireless and business), Jim Gonzalez (wireless and Access Corporation evaluation and coordination), Maria Kieslich (marketing and project planning), James Akimchuk (access, production, and business operations), James Baker (news media, network columnist, writer, and editor), John Rommelfanger (WiFi Initiative). Selectmen liaison Jeanne Krieger.

Verizon License

Completed negotiations for a 15-year, non-exclusive cable television license to Verizon Corporation. Aside from the financial details, which are similar to those negotiated with RCN and Comcast, the other two cable operators in Lexington, Verizon has agreed to two important conditions in its Lexington license:

- It will rapidly complete build-out of its Lexington network so that, within two years, it can offer service to

every home in Lexington (those served by aerial plant and those served by underground plant). This is the shortest build-out completion period that Verizon has offered in any of its Massachusetts licenses.

- It agreed not to challenge this Lexington license if future laws or regulations allow federal or statewide licensing for corporations like Verizon. This should give us long-term cable licensing stability regardless of changes to the U.S. or Massachusetts licensing environments.

The Committee is pleased that Lexington citizens will be able to choose from cable TV and other services offered by three cable operators, a benefit enjoyed by few municipalities in Massachusetts.

Lexington Community Media Center, Inc. (LexMedia) Town of Lexington PEG Access Provider

Performed LexMedia's first annual performance evaluation as provider of PEG access to the Town. The evaluation included:

- A set of written questions and a series of meetings between the Committee and LexMedia.
- A public hearing and a written report with recommendations presented to the Board of Selectmen.

The Committee is working with LexMedia to address the concerns raised by the evaluation.

Wireless Telecommunications

- Reviewed six wireless provider antenna applications for compliance with the bylaws and made recommendations to the Selectmen.
- Undertook review of three additional new applications.
- Prepared a draft revision of the Wireless Application section sequencing of the town bylaws for more efficient provider preparation and town review for submission in

Appropriation Committee

ROLE: To advise the Town and Town Meeting on all fiscal matters.

Expenditures	FY06	FY05
Expenses	\$ 848	\$1,000

APPOINTED by the Moderator for overlapping 3-year terms: Chair Alan Levine, Vice Chair Deborah Brown, John Bartenstein, Rod Cole, Richard Eurich, Paul Hamburger (term ended in June), Pam Hoffman, David Kanter, and Eric Michelson. As of July, Michael Kennealy was appointed to the Committee. Rob Addelson, Assistant Town Manager for Finance/Town Comptroller, ex-officio member.

2006 Annual Town Meeting

Supported the following:

- **Art. 17.** By a vote of 8-1, Operating Budget for school and town operations, including the Town's assessment for the Minuteman Regional High School 2006-2007 school year. The Committee unanimously opposed an amendment to increase the public schools' budget by \$674,877, the increase to be funded by an increase of \$674,877 in fees for school-related activities and services. The Committee also opposed, by a vote of 3-2, a second amendment proposing to increase the public schools' budget by \$177,216, the increase to be funded by an increase of \$177,216 in fees for school-related activities and services. Finally, the Committee opposed, by a vote of 4-1, an amendment proposing that Town Meeting recommend that the School Committee replace certain identified items on the at-risk list contingent on an override vote by other identified items. Town Meeting did not adopt any of the amendments.
- **Art. 18.** Operating Budget for the Water, Wastewater (Sewer), and Recreation Enterprise Funds.
- **Art. 19.** Property Tax Exemption, increasing the property tax exemption available to qualifying senior citizens.
- **Art. 20.** The adoption of a new reduced interest rate for qualifying senior citizens who opt to defer part or all of property tax due on their property under the Town's 41A tax deferral program.
- **Art. 21.** To rescind the Town's previous acceptance, in 2000, of a state statute governing and limiting relief available to qualifying senior citizens under a tax work-off program, as a predicate to adoption of the Town's own program (see Art. 22).
- **Art. 22.** Appropriation of \$25,000 for the Town's own independent Senior Service Program, under which qualifying citizens will be able to provide services to and work for the Town on a part-time basis in return for wage payments that will be credited to their property tax bills.
- **Art. 23.** The reauthorization and continuation of the Department of Public Works (DPW) Buried Containers,

the DPW Compost Operations, the CATV Operations/Community Access (Lexington Community TV), and the Lexington Tree revolving funds with maximum authorizations of \$33,000, \$400,000, \$75,000, and \$200,000, respectively.

- **Art. 24, Part A.** By a vote of 8-1, to accept a state statute permitting the payment of an additional yearly retirement allowance of \$15 for each year of employment with the Town (up to a maximum annual payment of \$300) to a veteran forced to take early retirement because of an injury sustained while working for the Town.
- **Art. 24, Part B.** By a vote of 7-2, to make the additional allowance permitted by the state statute retroactively applicable to already retired and qualifying town employees for each year of retirement before Town Meeting's acceptance of the statute.
- **Art. 25.** Appropriation of \$25,000 to pay administrative and other expenses of the Community Preservation Committee and reserve in the Community Preservation Fund for future appropriation the total sum of \$2,015,000 (\$230,000 to the Open Space Reserve, \$230,000 to the Affordable Housing Reserve, \$25,000 to the Historic Preservation Reserve, and \$1,530,000 to the Undesignated Reserve).
- **Art. 27.** For Recreation Capital Projects: by a vote of 7-2, the appropriation of \$225,000 to remove and replace the Robert Leathers Wooden Play Structure at the Center Playground; by a vote of 9-0, the appropriation of \$50,000 to fund an engineering study of the infrastructure of the Center Pool Complex to obtain a list of recommendations and cost estimates to repair and upgrade the facility; and, by a vote of 9-0, the appropriation of \$25,000 to purchase equipment for Pine Meadows Golf Course.
- **Art. 28.** Capital Expenditures for projects and equipment totalling \$3,027,000, including town buildings, street improvements, sidewalk reconstruction, the design and permitting of a subsurface methane gas mitigation system for the former town landfill at Lincoln Park, new public works equipment, upgrading and remodeling the Lexington Police Station dispatch center, a new fire engine, and rehabilitation and restoration of the vault for archiving town records located in Cary Memorial Building. The Committee supported amendments proposing to reduce the sum appropriated for sidewalk reconstruction from \$300,000 to \$250,000 and to reduce the sum appropriated for the rehabilitation and restoration of the Lexington Fire Station from \$100,000 to \$50,000 by votes, respectively, of 9-0 and 6-3. Town Meeting did not adopt either amendment.
- **Art. 29.** Appropriation of \$900,000 for a continuing program of water distribution improvements to upgrade and

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keep current Water Enterprise Fund assets, including the installation of new water mains and the replacement or cleaning and relining of existing water mains.

- **Art. 30.** Appropriation of \$500,000 to complete the purchase and installation of an automated water meter reading system for the Water and Wastewater (Sewer) Enterprise Funds.
- **Art. 31.** Appropriation of \$300,000 for a continuing program to upgrade and keep current Wastewater (Sewer) Enterprise Fund assets, including the installation, replacement, and rehabilitation of sewer mains and sewerage systems.
- **Art. 32.** School Capital Projects and Equipment: to plan for, remodel, reconstruct, and make extraordinary repairs to and to purchase equipment for school buildings (\$1,716,000) and for the purchase, upgrading, and installation of computer hardware and software (\$400,000).
- **Art. 34.** Appropriation of \$250,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance as an "advance" against received but not yet allocated grant proceeds to be applied to construction costs for the Fiske School.
- **Art. 40.** Appropriation of \$2,650,000 to the Stabilization Fund.
- **Art. 41.** Appropriation of \$7,553 to pay unpaid bills for goods and services rendered to the School Department for FY05.
- **Art. 42.** To amend the FY06 Operating Budget by appropriating the total sum of \$351,530 (\$79,518 to public schools from insurance proceeds, \$197,520 to the Reserve Fund from the Unreserved Fund Balance, \$60,000 to library expenses from library personal services, and \$14,500 to community development expenses from community development personal services).

Opposed the following:

- **Art. 35.** By a vote of 5-4, the appropriation of \$150,000 for engineering, construction, and related costs of a municipal off-street parking lot on the unused portion of NSTAR property located at Massachusetts Avenue and Edison Way. Town Meeting approved the article.

2006 Special Town Meeting No. 1

Supported the following:

- **Art. 2.** Supplementary appropriation of \$1,073,008 for the Lexington Public Schools FY07 budget, in addition to the amount previously appropriated at the 2006 Annual Town Meeting.
- **Art. 3.** To amend the FY07 Water and Wastewater (Sewer) Enterprise Funds operating budgets to reflect lower than anticipated Massachusetts Water Resources Administration assessments and a reduction in indirect expenses charged to the funds for town services..
- **Art. 4, Part A.** Appropriation of \$20,000 to the Historic Preservation Reserve of the Community Preservation Fund.

- **Art. 4, Part B.** Appropriation of \$20,000 from the Undesignated Reserve balance of the Community Preservation Fund to fund an architectural study to develop construction plans and specifications for the historic restoration of the Hancock-Clarke House.
- **Art. 4, Part C.** By a vote of 7-2, the appropriation of \$44,000 from the Undesignated Reserve balance of the Community Preservation Fund for the installation of a freight elevator at the Lexington Depot. Town Meeting approved the article.
- **Art. 4, Part D.** Appropriation of \$60,000 from the Undesignated Reserve balance of the Community Preservation Fund to purchase and install shelving for the main vault archiving town records in the Cary Memorial Building.
- **Art. 6.** Appropriation of \$50,000 to the Lexington Housing Assistance Board to be used in providing affordable housing in the Town.
- **Art. 7.** Acceptance of a state statute permitting the creation of a single, unified joint facilities department through consolidation of the public schools' and Town's maintenance functions.
- **Art. 8.** Supplementary appropriation of \$11,000, in addition to the amount previously appropriated at the 2006 Annual Town Meeting, for the Town's Senior Service Program.

2006 Special Town Meeting No. 2

Supported the following:

- **Art. 2.** Appropriation of \$1,600,000 to fund the cost of engineering and architectural services and studies to develop plans and specifications for a new Department of Public Works facility.

Planning and Budgeting for Future Years

In conjunction with the Selectmen, School Committee, Capital Expenditures Committee, and municipal and school staff, the Appropriation Committee evaluates and supports the Town's current and long-range financial planning processes. Its efforts include assessing the Town's current financial condition and projecting free cash, expenses, and revenues for future years. Presently, these projections encompass FY08 and FY09. The Committee believes that this work and the information these projections provide to the Town are informative and necessary if the Town is to achieve and maintain a proper, workable balance between operating expenses, capital projects, and affordable tax rates.

The Town continues to face considerable fiscal challenges and problems. The Committee will continue to work with the Town's elected and appointed boards, and with staff, to address and respond to the myriad challenges, problems, and concerns involved in the ongoing budget development and assessment process. As we have noted in past years, we cannot emphasize too strongly the importance of minimizing

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increases to annually recurring expenditure items when there is little, if any, evidence of new or increased recurring revenues to pay for them.

Staff Recognition

The Committee is especially appreciative of the extensive and dedicated efforts of the Town's municipal and school staffs. Despite, indeed because of, the severe constraints placed upon them by these difficult economic times, they nonetheless unfailingly perform far beyond the call of duty. They fulfill their assigned duties, they interact with and respond to citizens, and they assist and support, in effort and time far in excess of "regular working hours," the Town's

elected and appointed bodies. The Appropriation Committee is deeply indebted and grateful to these employees for their invaluable counsel, service and assistance.

Special Tribute

In June, Paul Hamburger ended his tenure with the Committee and resumed the mantle of private citizen. The Appropriation Committee is truly indebted to Paul for the yeoman service he rendered on the Committee, for his quiet and unassuming leadership, and for his inexhaustible knowledge, diligence, and dedication. We cannot thank him enough for all that he has done—for the Committee and for the Town. ■

Capital Expenditures Committee

ROLE: To receive from town boards and departments a list of all capital expenditures that may be required within the ensuing 5-year period and to prompt them to undertake appropriate planning for required future capital expenditures; to consider the relative need, timing, and cost of these projects, the adequacy thereof, and the effect these expenditures might have on the financial position of the Town; and to make recommendations thereon to Town Meeting.

APPOINTED by the Moderator to overlapping 3-year terms: Chair Charles Lamb, Vice Chair Ted Edson, Roger Borghesani, William Hurley, and Shirley Stolz. In June, Charles Lamb was reappointed to his second 3-year term.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Major School Construction:** The new Fiske School is near completion and will be occupied in late February 2007. Fiske students were moved to the old Harrington school building during construction of the new Fiske school. The school is being constructed under a debt exclusion override of \$32,150,000 approved by the voters in 2002 (for the Fiske and Harrington schools) and a supplemental appropriation of \$1,575,000 approved by the 2005 Annual Town Meeting (approximately 40% of the total cost to be reimbursed by the state).
- **Streets:** Major neighborhood street reconstruction continues with funds from the \$7,000,000 debt exclusion override approved in 2002; during the 2006 summer-fall construction season, almost the entire fourth quadrant of roads scheduled for work was repaved. The seven streets that remain have been delayed because of unfinished underground utility work on the street. This program, which is in addition to the annual street resurfacing funded with Chapter 90 and tax levy revenues, has been on track for its entire 4-year construction schedule, with obvious improvements in road quality, performance, and appearance.



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From left to right: Ted Edson, Charles Lamb, Shirley Stolz, Roger Borghesani, William Hurley.

- **DPW Facility Reconstruction:** Design drawings for a new DPW facility are in progress, with appropriation of an additional \$1.6M needed to bring the design and engineering phase to "bid ready" construction documents appropriated at the December 6, 2006, Special Town Meeting. Funding for construction of the new facility is anticipated to be requested in spring 2006 through a voter debt exclusion.
- **Capital Stewardship and Planning for the Future:** The Town has an extensive infrastructure that requires constant attention, repair, upgrading, and replacement. Failure to attend to these assets results in unsafe conditions, excessive repair costs, reduced productivity by employees who must operate from substandard facilities or offices, impaired quality of service (as in school or recreational facilities), and other costs, which tend to increase when maintenance and necessary investments and updating are deferred. High-priority concerns include the Department of Public Works equipment storage and maintenance facility and associated offices at 201 Bedford

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Street and the "White House," next to the police station, now used as school administration offices. Longer term, four additional elementary schools require upgrading, as well as possible additional space. The Water and Sewer Department must continually renew Lexington's underground infrastructure. Roofs, electrical, and HVAC equipment must be periodically replaced in all school and municipal buildings. Playgrounds need safe equipment, the pool complex requires periodic restoration, athletic fields need constant attention, tennis courts need resurfacing, and the golf course must be professionally main-

tained. Vehicles, from fire trucks and ambulances to snow plows and dump trucks, need to be replaced. The Committee also considers the future use and condition of such important Lexington assets as East Lexington Library, Munroe School (now in use as the arts center), the future use of the old Harrington School, and the desire of the Council on Aging for facilities suitable for its future needs. The Town must stay the course, responsibly funding the support and maintenance of Lexington's infrastructure. ■

Capital Appropriations for the 2006 Town Meeting

Title	Amount	Funding Source
Article 27a Center Playground Replacement	\$225,000	Tax Levy (Bond, 5 yr)
Article 27b Center Pool Infrastructure Study	\$50,000	Recreation Enterprise
Article 27I Pine Meadows Equipment	\$25,000	Recreation Enterprise
Article 28a Sidewalks	\$300,000	Tax Levy (Bond, 5 yr)
Article 28I Building Envelope		
Article 28Ia Westview Cemetery Office Heating	\$40,000	Tax Levy (Cash)
Article 28Ib Capital Projects set-aside	\$150,000	Tax Levy (Override)
Article 28Id Fire Station Floor	\$50,000	Community Preservation Act
Article 28Ie Fire Station Drainage, Roof Repair	\$50,000	Community Preservation Act
Article 28d DPW Equipment	\$435,00	Tax Levy (Bond, 5yr)
Article 28e Street Improvements	\$960,000	\$500,000 Tax Levy; \$460,000 Chapter 90
Article 28f Street Drain Improvements (Mapping)	\$60,000	Tax Levy (Bond, 5yr)
Article 28f Street Drain Improvements (Construction)	\$100,000	Tax Levy (Bond, 5yr)
Article 28g Police Dispatch Center Renovation	\$842,000	\$742,000 Tax Levy (Bond, 10yr);
	\$100,000	Community Preservation Act
Article 28h Replace Fire Engine E-1	\$380,000	Tax Levy (Bond, 7yr)
Article 28i Archives Environment Control	\$60,000	Community Preservation Act
Article 29 Water Distribution Improvements	\$900,000	Water & Sewer Enterprise
Article 30 Water Meters	\$500,000	Water & Sewer Enterprise
Article 31 Sanitary Sewer Improvements	\$300,000	Water & Sewer Enterprise
Article 32 School Capital		
Article 32b LHS Gym & Science Roof	\$250,000	Tax Levy (Bond, 10yr)
Article 32b Diamond Auditorium Roof	\$60,000	Tax Levy (Bond, 5yr)
Article 32I LHS Univent and Pipe Replacement	\$493,000	Tax Levy (Bond, 10yr)
Article 32d LHS Digital Temperature Controls	\$200,000	Tax Levy (Bond, 10yr)
Article 32d Diamond Digital Temperature Controls	\$150,000	Tax Levy (Bond, 5yr)
Article 32f LHS Bleachers	\$45,000	Tax Levy (Bond, 10yr)
Article 32f Clarke Bleachers	\$45,000	Tax Levy (Cash)
Article 32g LHS Auditorium Repairs	\$293,000	Tax Levy (Bond, 10yr)
Article 32h Bridge School Lockers	\$120,000	Tax Levy (Bond, 5yr)
Article 32i Technology	\$400,000	Tax Levy (Bond, 5yr)
Article 34 Fiske School Construction	\$250,000	Tax Levy (Cash)
Article 35 Nstar Parking Lot	\$150,000	Parking Meter Fund
Special Town Meeting 1 (November 29)		
Article 2b Hancock-Clarke House Restoration Study	\$25,000	Community Preservation Act
Article 2c Lexington Depot Freight Elevator	\$44,000	Community Preservation Act
Article 2d Archives Shelving	\$60,000	Community Preservation Act
Special Town Meeting 2 (December 6)		
Article 4 DPW Facility Design & Engineering	\$1,600,000	Tax Levy (Bond)

Revenue Officer

ROLE: To perform the duties of Treasurer and Collector as outlined in Massachusetts General Laws (M.G.L.) Chapter 41. As Treasurer, to receive and disburse of all town funds as well as investment policies, debt, and, in conjunction with the Town Manager, employee benefits. As Collector, issues and collect all real estate, motor vehicle, personal property, and water/sewer bills, as assessed.

APPOINTED by the Town Manager: Rosemary Ducharme, 2003.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Real estate tax collections totaled \$91,339,654, including collection of prior-year taxes. Outstanding accounts were put in payment plans or subjected to tax title and the associated foreclosure process.
- Personal property tax collections totaled \$2,527,267.
- Motor vehicle excise tax collections totaled \$4,233,625. These bills were based upon information provided by the Registry of Motor Vehicles. Overdue accounts were committed to the Deputy Collector, who, under M.G.L., marked these accounts for license and registration non-renewal.
- Water/sewer collections totaled \$13,720,635.
- Investment income for all town accounts was \$1,222,785, of which \$983,630 was credited to the General Fund. All investments are made according to M.G.L. When investing the Town's money, safety, liquidity, and yield, in that order, are the considerations.

- Issued \$11,752,685 in Bond Anticipation Notes for the following purposes:

School Construction	\$7,152,685
School Construction	\$500,000
School Construction	\$2,800,000
School Remodeling	\$950,000
School Remodeling	\$150,000
Computer	\$200,000
Total	\$11,752,685

- Issued \$2,100,000 in Bond Anticipation Notes for the following purposes:

School Remodeling & Equipment	\$745,000
Public Works Equipment	\$485,000
Building (HVAC)	\$165,000
Recreation	\$165,000
Building Envelope	\$100,000
School Computer	\$155,000
Traffic Signal	\$75,000
Outdoor Recreational Facilities	\$35,000
Sidewalk	\$50,000
School Remodeling	\$125,000
Total	\$2,100,000

- Issued \$3,865,000 in Bond Anticipation Notes for the following purposes:

Fiske School	\$3,865,000
Total	\$3,865,000

- Issued \$804,000 in Bond Anticipation Notes for the following purposes:

Public Works Facility	\$720,000
School Planning	\$84,000
Total	\$804,000

- Issued \$9,403,000 in General Obligation Bonds for the following purposes:

Library	\$1,440,000
Pumper Truck	\$345,000
School Remodeling	\$635,000
School Remodeling	\$55,000
Computer Hardware	\$216,400
Computer Software	\$33,600
Street Improvements Betterments	\$335,000
Building Envelope	\$285,000
Building Envelope	\$55,000
DPW Equipment	\$370,000
Street	\$40,000
Sidewalks	\$100,000
Playgrounds	\$35,000
Fire Department Equipment	\$160,000
Water Distribution Improvement	\$500,000 ¹
Water Distribution	\$450,000 ¹
Sewer	\$430,000 ¹
Street Improvements	\$3,918,000 ²
Total	\$9,403,000

⁽¹⁾ Self-supporting

⁽²⁾ Exempt from the limits of Proposition 2½ (M.G.L. c. 59 S. 21 C).

Board of Assessors

ROLE: To assess the valuation of Lexington's real and personal property. Efforts are focused on the maintenance of an extensive database for valuation purposes according to Massachusetts General Law.

APPOINTED by the Town Manager: Chair William Jackson, Steven Foster, Edmund Grant. Town Assessor Joseph Nugent.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Although the Vision valuation system was updated in August 2006, staff held to the third-quarter billing schedule for FY07.
- Residential values slowed during calendar year 2005 (year of analysis) for FY07, although commercial and industrial values increased in some areas.
- Total growth was up over FY06. Residential growth was stronger in FY07. Although the commercial and industrial sectors showed no growth, personal property increased substantially. ■

Expenditures	FY06	FY05
<i>Payroll</i>	\$275,358	\$198,601
<i>Expenses</i>	\$ 31,229	\$ 38,307
<i>Personnel Full Time</i>	4.5	3.5

Assessments for Fiscal 2007

Property Class	No. of Parcels	Assessed Value
Single-Family	8,917	\$6,499,630,000
Condominiums	829	\$346,896,000
Two-Family	182	\$108,847,000
Three-Family	14	\$9,134,000
Multi-Unit	12	\$75,930,000
Land	582	\$40,086,000
Misc. Residential	39	\$42,639,000
Commercial	419	\$656,192,000
Industrial	37	\$123,159,000
Agricultural (61A)	5	\$85,000
Recreation (61B)	7	\$4,628,000
Mixed Use Residential/Commercial	22	\$19,939,000
Personal Property/Utilities	922	\$132,069,580
Total	11,987	\$8,059,234,580

TAX LEVY AND TAX RATES: FISCAL YEAR 2007

Class	Levy %	Valuation	Tax Rate	Tax Levy
Residential	80.0516%	\$7,135,277,500.00	11.34	\$80,914,046.85
Open Space	0.0000%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Commercial	14.4380%	\$668,728,500.00	\$21.82	\$14,591,655.8
Industrial	2.6591%	\$123,159,000.00	\$21.82	\$2,687,329.38
Personal	2.8513%	\$132,069,580.00	\$21.82	\$2,881,758.24
Total	100.0000%	\$8,059,234,580.00		\$101,074,790.34

Selectmen's Ad Hoc Financial Policy Committee

ROLE: To recommend to the Board of Selectmen fiscal policies that seek to ensure structurally balanced budgets and adequate reserves while accommodating the possibility of operating overrides, among other means, to ensure the consistent delivery of balanced services. Specifically, this Committee will address:

- A Reserve Policy, by examining existing reserve funds (stabilization, overlay, enterprise) and recommending appropriate funding levels, circumstances under which funds can be drawn upon, timelines for replenishment, and suggestions for additional reserve funds if warranted.
- A Free Cash Policy that defines appropriate targets and timelines for accumulating free cash and the circumstances under which free cash can be appropriated.
- A Debt Management Policy, by defining appropriate levels (ratios) of debt (exempt and within levy) and the appropriate use of bond anticipation notes in funding capital projects.

- If not otherwise addressed, a Cash Capital Policy that defines the small capital projects loosely referred to as 'cash capital,' currently funded within the tax levy and recommends a funding mechanism for these expenses.

APPOINTED by the Board of Selectmen: Chair Paul Lapointe, Paul Asquith, William Dailey, Jr., Peter Enrich, Alan Fields, Michael Kennealy, and Robert Rieth (through November 2005).

Board and Committee Liaisons: Board of Selectmen, Jeanne Krieger; School Committee, Tom Griffiths; Appropriation Committee, Deborah Brown; Capital Expenditures Committee, Charles Lamb.

Town Staff: Town Manager Carl Valente, Budget Officer Michael Young, Management Intern Thomas Watkins.

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The Board of Selectmen adopted the charge to the Committee at its meeting on June 27, 2005, with the goal of having the Committee's recommendations by December 2005. The Committee convened for its first meeting on August 17, 2005, reviewed a draft work plan developed by Town Manager Carl Valente and Budget Officer Michael Young, and met two or three times monthly. Board and committee liaisons and other members of the financial committees made significant contributions to the Committee's deliberations. The Committee filed its written report on March 15, 2006, and presented an oral report at the Selectmen's meeting on March 20. The Selectmen have not yet dissolved the Committee. The Chair has met with the Town Manager to discuss staff observations and implementation strategies for the Committee's recommendations.

FINDINGS

The Committee first reviewed the fiscal realities of the recent past and evaluated current financial policies. The Committee found that the Town:

- Is not investing enough each year to maintain its fixed asset base. The Town's "cash capital" policy is subject to political will. Funding capital reinvestment has been a lower priority than sustaining town services. The cash available for capital investment has been used consistently to balance the operating budget, resulting in deferred maintenance, while forcing the Town to rely on within-levy debt to renew and replace fixed assets.
- Has seen the costs of town services grow faster each year than the growth in property tax receipts. Proposition 2½ limits annual growth in the tax levy to 2.5% plus new growth in the Town's tax base.
- Has demonstrated its willingness to sustain services and finance major capital projects by passing operating and debt exclusion overrides of Proposition 2½.
- Has not set aside reserves to buffer the effect of declines in state aid and local receipts during economic downturns. Because they reflect the general business cycle, these two key sources of town revenue are also the most volatile.
- Does not have adequate mechanisms to respond to fluctuations in volatile expenses other than the Appropriation Committee's historically modest Reserve Fund and supplemental appropriations from Free Cash.
- Relies on Free Cash as its primary reserve, although calculating Free Cash requires evaluating several items on the Town's June 30 balance sheet, and the amount is neither confirmed nor available for appropriation until the late fall, after it is certified by the state Department of Revenue.
- Does not have adequate reserves to absorb the financial consequences of certain major claims and liabilities, such as multiple workers' compensation claims or extraordinary medical expenses.
- Does not yet know the magnitude of the liability for retiree health benefits nor has a plan to fund this liability.
- Has a Aaa debt rating but no stated policies articulating target levels for within-levy or outside-the-levy borrowing, for annual debt service for within-levy debt, or for long-term versus short-term debt.

- Does not engage in long-term financial planning or modeling, although such an exercise would identify the most-significant budget drivers and focus efforts to contain costs and generate additional revenue.

RECOMMENDED GOALS

In response to these realities, the Committee suggested the following goals.

- Maintain the Town's investment in its physical assets, but use debt prudently to do so.
- Establish reserves to buffer the effects of declining revenues, volatile expenses, and specific incidents and events not fully covered by insurance.
- Quantify and meet postretirement obligations.
- Maintain the Town's Aaa credit rating and follow coherent borrowing policies.
- Address the Proposition 2½ dynamic—that the annual increase in expenses will probably continue to outpace the allowed growth in annual property tax receipts.

POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

Capital Financing Policies

The Town should provide consistent and stable funding sources for the timely and periodic renewal or replacement of building systems, building envelope components, vehicles, and equipment.

- Establish and fully fund one or more Asset Renewal and Replacement Reserves funded by annual General Fund appropriations linked to the value of the Town's General Fund fixed assets. Rigorous analysis of the Town's physical asset base should be the basis for "fully funding" these reserves. The Committee recommends that the Board of Selectmen establish at least two separate funds, one for buildings and one for equipment.
- Appropriate funds annually from these Asset Renewal and Replacement Reserves for specific building renewal projects and for the replacement of vehicles and equipment. These renewal reserves should not be used to pay debt service for within-levy debt.
- Pending the rigorous analysis recommended above, target 2% of annual General Fund revenues as an interim goal for funding building renewal projects and equipment replacements. The Committee prefers appropriations from this cash allocation or from Asset Renewal and Replacement Reserves rather than short-term borrowing to renew and replace assets. This funding policy ensures that future taxpayers are not unfairly burdened with the entire cost of such renewal and replacement investments. The reserve funding mechanism spreads the costs of such investments over several years without incurring borrowing costs.
- Continue the policy of seeking debt exclusion overrides to finance the replacement of town buildings and major facilities and the construction of new facilities to expand or upgrade town programs.

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Reserve Financial Policies

- To sustain service levels despite economic downturns or extraordinary expenses, the Town should adequately fund a portfolio of stabilization funds, reserve funds, and continuing balance accounts that will stabilize the annual operating budget. This policy represents a change in course from the Selectmen's ten-year goal voted in 1997 to establish adequate financial reserves by building Free Cash to 5% of the tax levy.
- Build a Stabilization Fund large enough to buffer the General Fund from the effect of two to three years of reduced state aid and declining local receipts. The Committee prefers a Stabilization Fund designated specifically as a "rainy day" fund rather than building Free Cash.
- Determine the annual appropriation to the Appropriation Committee's Reserve Fund using a rigorous analysis of historically volatile expense items or of expenses that have the potential to be volatile during the upcoming budget year. The Committee believes that there would most likely be 15 to 20 line items with significant volatility; the potential impact of each should be estimated and probability-weighted.
- Establish, fund, and monitor "continuing balance accounts"—accounts that are not closed at the end of each fiscal year—to protect against the financial consequences of certain risks and liabilities.
- Target a Free Cash balance of 0.3% to 0.6% of General Fund revenues at June 30 of the current year when the Board of Selectmen votes the budget for the coming fiscal year. The Town should consider Free Cash as a check book balance and de-emphasize reliance on Free Cash as a reserve in favor of the portfolio of reserves, including the Stabilization Fund, as recommended above.

Post-Employment Benefit Policies

- Financial Policies for Pension Obligations. The Board of Selectmen and Town Meeting should continue to support the Retirement Board's track record of prudent judgment and actions.
 - Continue the current practice of bi-annual actuarial valuations of the Contributory Retirement System.
 - Contribute to the Retirement System annually so as to amortize the unfunded accrued pension liability no later than 2015.
 - Ensure that annual contributions thereafter are sufficient to fully fund 100% of the actuarial liabilities.
 - Conduct an actuarial study of any early retirement incentive program, retirement contribution "holiday," or other proposal affecting retirement benefits or contributions (prior to accepting such programs) to determine the actuarial liability to the retirement system and effect on the Town's annual retirement contribution.
- Financial Policies for Health Benefit Obligations. The Committee understands that, in the near future, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board will require full disclosure of this liability in the Town's financial statements. The Board of Selectmen should take timely action

to determine the magnitude of this liability and develop a funding strategy for this obligation.

- Engage a firm to conduct an actuarial valuation of the health benefit obligations to retirees and current employees, quantify this liability, and generate funding options.
- To the extent possible, consult the Retirement Board in developing a strategy to fund the actuarial liability for such health benefit obligations. The Town should take advantage of the Board's exemplary track record and expertise in managing the Town's contributory retirement system.

Debt Management Policies

The Committee suggests the following objectives: prudently use debt as a funding source for preserving, renewing, or adding to the Town's physical assets; do not borrow to finance operations; and ensure the lowest possible cost to the Town of short- and long-term borrowing. To meet these objectives, the Committee recommends that the Town:

- Pursue the current and recommended financial policies necessary to maintain a Aaa bond rating. The Aaa rating by the municipal bond rating agencies essentially guarantees that the Town may borrow at the lowest tax-exempt rates available in the marketplace. The Town's bond rating is a consequence of all of its financial practices and policies, including maintaining an adequate and appropriate Stabilization Fund, Appropriation Committee Reserve Fund, continuing balance accounts, and reserves for replacement. Thus, the Aaa rating criteria also provide industry benchmarks and an external incentive for maintaining fiscal discipline.
- Gradually phase out the Town's recent practice of issuing within-levy debt to finance small-ticket capital spending for the annual renewal and replacement of building components, vehicles, and equipment.
- Restrict long-term borrowing to large-scale capital projects (new buildings, total building renovations, land purchases, etc.) for which the capital investment is large and cannot be smoothed or divided over several years.

Override Policies

The following policies should govern the overrides necessary to sustain town services and fund large-scale capital projects.

- Include specific amounts to balance future budgets when proposing periodic, multi-year operating overrides. If the Board of Selectmen proposes an override designed to sustain town services for more than one year, then the Selectmen should disclose fully the amount raised by the override to be carried over to balance future budgets.
- Continue the policy of seeking voter-approved debt exclusion overrides to finance major new construction projects or significant renovations.

Implementation Strategies

The Committee concluded its report by outlining strategies for making a smooth transition from current financial policies to the recommended policies without adversely affecting the Town's ability to deliver services valued by the community or to preserve and revitalize the various classes of town assets. ■

Fiscal Year 2006 Recapitulation

Amount to be Raised

Appropriations		\$129,434,268.00
Other amounts to be raised		
Amounts certified for tax title purposes	\$0.00	
Debt and interest charges	\$265,200.00	
Final court judgments	\$0.00	
Total overlay deficits of prior years	\$0.00	
Total cherry sheet offsets	\$1,363,589.00	
Revenue deficits	\$0.00	
Offset receipts deficits Ch. 44, Sec. 53E	\$0.00	
Authorized deferral of teachers' pay	\$0.00	
Snow and ice deficit Ch. 44 Sec. 31D	\$646,688.00	
Other (specify on separate letter)	\$0.00	
Total		\$2,275,477.00
State and county cherry sheet charges		\$633,266.00
Allowance for abatements and exemptions		\$504,779.60
Total amount to be raised		\$132,847,790.60

Estimated Receipts and Other Revenue Sources

Estimated receipts - State

Cherry sheet estimated receipts	\$8,415,828.00	
Massachusetts School Building Authority Payments	\$187,696.00	
Total		\$8,603,524.00

Estimated receipts - Local

Local receipts not allocated	\$9,746,050.00	
Offset receipts	\$0.00	
Enterprise funds	\$17,156,934.00	
Community preservation funds	\$0.00	
Total		\$26,902,984.00

Revenue sources appropriated for particular purposes

Free cash	\$1,112,465.00	
Other available funds	\$1,063,157.00	
Total		\$2,175,622.00

Other revenue sources appropriated specifically to reduce the tax rate

Free cash...appropriated on or before June 30, 2006	\$0.00	
Free cash...appropriated on or after July 1, 2006	\$0.00	
Municipal light source	\$0.00	
Teachers' pay deferral	\$0.00	
Other source : Overlay surplus	\$425,000.00	
Total		\$425,000.00

Total Estimated Receipts and Other Revenue Sources		\$38,107,130.00
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Summary of Total Amount to be Raised and Total Receipts from all Sources

Total amount to be raised		\$132,847,790.60
Total estimated receipts and other revenue sources	\$38,107,130.00	
Total real and personal property tax levy	\$94,740,660.60	
Total receipts from all sources		\$132,847,790.60

Note: Figures reported in the 2005 Annual Report were incorrect.

Tax Deferral and Exemption Study Committee

ROLE: To study, understand, and evaluate options for helping lower-income citizens, particularly seniors, with their property taxes; to research existing state legislation that enables local tax exemptions and deferrals, estimate the probable cost to the town budget, and advise the Selectmen on the costs and benefits and pros and cons of each option; to track new legislation currently under development by the state and to encourage legislation beneficial to town interests.

APPOINTED by the Board of Selectmen: Chair Vicki Blier, Marilyn Campbell, Patricia Costello, William Kennedy, and Thomas Taylor. Selectmen liaison Norman Cohen. Appropriations Committee liaison John Bartenstein.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Advised the Selectmen regarding a motion before Town Meeting to increase the Senior Property Tax Exemption benefit from the existing \$750 to the maximum allowable amount of \$1,000. The motion passed unanimously. In FY06, 49 seniors received the \$750 deferral.
- Advised the Selectmen regarding a motion before Town Meeting to adjust the interest rate that qualifying seniors pay when they postpone paying property tax under the

Senior Tax Deferral program. A recent change in state law allows towns to set a rate that is lower than the previously mandated 8% rate. This motion proposed to make Lexington's deferral interest rate variable (but not to exceed 8%) and base it on a published treasury index that historically approximates the cost to the Town of accepting deferrals. The motion passed unanimously. As a result, the rate for 2007 will be 4.77% simple interest. In FY06, under the higher interest rate law, 16 seniors deferred \$36,750 in property tax.

- At the request of the Selectmen, researched and prepared a report on a state tax option known as the residential exemption. The residential exemption is a mechanism that 11 cities and towns in the Commonwealth use that shifts the property tax burden from lower-value owner-occupied primary residences onto higher-value homes, non-owner-occupied homes and apartment buildings, and non-primary residences. The committee sought to identify the pros and cons of the residential exemption but did not take a stand on whether it should be implemented in Lexington. The Selectmen declined to adopt the residential exemption for FY07. ■

Debt Service Summary

<i>(Note: Figures are rounded to the closest dollar.)</i>						
	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11-23
TOTAL						
Library	\$ 842,559	\$ 863,356	\$ 843,511	\$ 818,621	\$ 6,981,838	\$10,349,885
Recreation	11,313	10,938	5,563	5,375	5,188	38,377
Augusta Land Acquisition	15,975	15,327				31,302
General Government	190,767	46,650	45,338	44,025	84,113	410,893
Public Safety	123,938	120,000	111,063	107,313	98,563	560,877
Public Works	824,483	592,938	401,388	238,865	129,688	2,187,362
Schools	1,336,098	753,120	695,638	473,925	1,040,950	4,299,731
Exempt (school & town)	5,065,613	4,843,769	4,601,803	4,172,418	36,485,846	55,169,449
Sub Total	\$ 8,410,746	\$ 7,246,098	\$ 6,704,304	\$ 5,860,542	\$44,826,186	\$73,047,876
Enterprise Fund Debt:						
Water	\$ 356,096	\$ 348,283	\$ 329,583	\$ 336,258	\$ 1,187,134	\$ 2,557,354
Sewer	328,805	267,233	178,250	145,953	284,088	1,204,329
Sub Total	\$ 684,901	\$ 615,516	\$ 507,833	\$ 482,211	\$ 1,471,222	\$ 3,761,683
Totals	\$ 9,095,647	\$ 7,861,614	\$ 7,212,137	\$ 6,342,753	\$46,297,408	\$76,809,559

Comptroller

ROLE: To oversee all financial operations of the Town, which include assessing property, collecting and payment of accounts receivable, investment of town funds, maintaining accounting records, preparation of financial statements, annual audit, administration of the retirement system, and support to the Appropriation Committee.

Expenditures	FY06	FY05
Payroll	\$306,513	\$ 276,28
Expenses	\$135,004	\$115,717
Personnel Full Time	6	6

APPOINTED by the Board of Selectmen: Town Comptroller Rob Addelson.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Provided technical assistance to the Selectmen's Ad Hoc Financial Policy Committee.
- Began development of new chart of accounts for general ledger.
- Concluded review of Massachusetts School Building Authority audits for Clarke Middle School, Diamond Middle School, and Lexington High School, triggering reimbursement of more than \$14 million. ■

Comptroller Schedule of Appropriations — June 30, 2006

Account	Revised Budget	Expended	Encumbrances	Total Expended	Balance
Selectmen					
Personal Services	\$ 60,801	\$ 53,176		\$ 53,176	\$ 7,625
Expenses	69,150	56,379	\$ 4,492	60,871	8,279
Town Manager					
Personal Services	321,235	307,321		307,321	13,914
Expenses	12,351	12,383	351	12,734	(383)
Municipal Services					
Personal Services	32,957	18,664		18,664	14,293
Expenses	94,478	86,940	548	87,488	6,990
Salary Adjustments					
Salary Adjustments	100,310		93,000	93,000	7,310
Appropriation Committee					
Expenses	1,500	848		848	652
Reserve Fund					
Expenses				0	0
Utility Billing					
Personal Services	75,265	45,386		45,386	29,879
Comptroller					
Personal Services	336,264	306,513		306,513	29,751
Expenses	138,939	96,868	38,136	135,004	3,935
Assessor					
Personal Services	266,197	275,358		275,358	(9,161)
Expenses	38,200	31,229		31,229	6,971
Treasurer/Collector					
Personal Services	137,085	162,446		162,446	(25,361)
Expenses	55,786	53,038	7,741	60,779	(4,993)
Law					
Legal Fees	357,412	347,421	8,808	356,229	1,183
Human Resources					
Personal Services	46,405	60,573		60,573	(14,168)
Expenses	2,667	1,546		1,546	1,121
Web Development					
Expenses	13,700	12,752		12,752	948
Management Information System					
Personal Services	172,308	144,206		144,206	28,102
Expenses	191,054	177,731		177,731	13,323
Town Network	5,000	2,997		2,997	2,003
Town Clerk					
Personal Services	182,217	180,586		180,586	1,631
Expenses	7,696	6,568		6,568	1,128

NOTE: The above amounts include carry forward activity

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Account	Revised Budget	Expended	Encumbrances	Total Expended	Balance
Elections					
Personal Services	37,975	32,975		32,975	5,000
Expenses	32,895	28,281	297	28,579	4,317
Registration					
Personal Services	1,825	1,325		1,325	500
Expenses	32,252	19,652	12,214	31,866	386
Records Management					
Expenses	4,325	2,636	1,500	4,136	189
Conservation Commission					
Personal Services	89,390	75,404		75,404	13,986
Planning Board					
Personal Services	197,207	195,945		195,945	1,262
Expenses	8,450	8,302	43	8,345	105
Regulatory Support					
Personal Services	32,499	33,213		33,213	(714)
Board of Appeals					
Personal Services				0	0
Expenses				0	0
Economic Development					
Personal Services	6,000	7,278		7,278	(1,278)
Expenses				0	0
Liberty Ride					
Personal Services	29,432	25,723		25,723	3,709
Expenses	89,689	69,883		69,883	19,806
Public Building Maintenance					
Personal Services	302,270	302,270		302,270	0
Expenses	625,856	622,391	3,466	625,856	(0)
Town Reports					
Expenses	6,500	2,200		2,200	4,300
Misc Boards & Commissions					
Expenses	8,755	8,300		8,300	455
Police					
Personal Services	3,483,436	3,457,740		3,457,740	25,696
Expenses	391,165	376,915	10,871	387,786	3,379
Parking Meter Maintenance					
Personal Services	42,778	45,619		45,619	(2,841)
Expenses	23,044	20,966	2,009	22,975	70
Fire					
Personal Services	3,976,087	3,976,086		3,976,086	1
Expenses	442,658	420,434	22,224	442,658	(0)
Dispatch					
Personal Services	447,957	470,360		470,360	(22,403)
Expenses	25,229	23,504	1,420	24,925	304
Building & Zoning Officer					
Personal Services	305,524	301,826		301,826	3,698
Expenses	55,987	48,597	154	48,750	7,237
Dog Officer					
Personal Services	19,000	19,540		19,540	(540)
Expenses	2,043	1,272		1,272	771
Forestry					
Personal Services	156,436	156,436		156,436	0
Expenses	45,280	45,280		45,280	0
School					
Personal Services & Expenses	71,037,861	70,901,995	134,581	71,036,577	1,285
Minuteman	830,667	830,234		830,234	433
Town Engineer					
Personal Services	366,582	366,582		366,582	0
Expenses	10,731	10,582	149	10,731	(0)
DPW Administration					
Personal Services	303,195	303,195		303,195	0
Expenses	29,396	29,154	241	29,396	0

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Account	Revised Budget	Expended	Encumbrances	Total Expended	Balance
Snow Removal					
Personal Services	345,140	391,511		391,511	(46,371)
Expenses	633,238	710,826		710,826	(77,588)
Highway					
Personal Services	611,632	611,632		611,632	0
Expenses	207,567	203,995	3,573	207,567	0
Road Machinery					
Personal Services	119,530	119,530		119,530	0
Expenses	356,793	347,971	8,822	356,793	(0)
Street Lighting					
Personal Services	20,000	20,000		20,000	0
Expenses	288,644	284,969	3,675	288,644	0
Lexpress					
Personal Services	67,040	67,040		67,040	0
Expenses	420,527	416,561		416,561	3,966
Chair Car Services					
Personal Services				0	0
Expenses				0	0
Refuse Collection					
Expenses	764,712	764,712		764,712	0
Recycling					
Personal Services	128,441	128,441		128,441	0
Expenses	868,657	847,121	21,537	868,657	0
Refuse Disposal					
Expenses	473,039	473,039		473,039	0
Cemetery					
Personal Services	180,325	180,325		180,325	0
Expenses	59,683	58,873	810	59,683	0
Parking Lot Maintenance					
Personal Services	45,304	45,304		45,304	0
Expenses	18,499	18,294	206	18,499	0
Board of Health					
Personal Services	160,519	157,115	500	157,615	2,904
Expenses	25,733	25,533	200	25,733	0
Youth Services					
Personal Services	45,411	46,535		46,535	(1,124)
Expenses			0	0	
Veterans Services					
Personal Services	33,841	35,358		35,358	(1,517)
Expenses	23,731	21,981	1,000	22,981	750
Developmentally Disabled					
Expenses	14,839	14,839		14,839	0
Council on Aging					
Personal Services	111,592	114,619		114,619	(3,027)
Expenses	82,702	69,581	12,533	82,114	588
Council on Aging - Nutrition					
Expenses	5,254	4,437		4,437	817
Council on Aging - Recreation					
Personal Services	12,600	10,758		10,758	1,842
Expenses	1,480	566		566	914
Elder Services					
Personal Services	25,089	19,220		19,220	5,869
Expenses	18,054	13,799	3,715	17,514	540
Council on Aging - Adult Day Care					
Personal Services				0	0
Expenses	30,360	30,171		30,171	189
Library					
Personal Services	1,427,209	1,406,782		1,406,782	20,427
Expenses	428,161	347,142	550	347,692	80,469
Parks					
Personal Services	632,269	632,269		632,269	0
Expenses	101,305	100,805	500	101,305	0

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Account	Revised Budget	Expended	Encumbrances	Total Expended	Balance
Historical Commission					
Personal Services				0	0
Public Celebration					
Expenses	25,000	24,500	500	25,000	0
Debt Service					
Principal	6,080,000	6,080,000		6,080,000	0
Interest	1,814,063	1,814,060		1,814,060	3
Interest Short Term	271,600	206,551		206,551	65,049
Interest Short Term(exempt)	360,000	360,000		360,000	0
Other					
State Assessment & Chgs		643,387		643,387	(643,387)
Contributory Retirement	3,214,947	3,214,947		3,214,947	0
Noncontributory Retirement	65,960	61,439		61,439	4,521
Unemployment	140,280	113,486	26,334	139,820	460
Police & Fire Medical	85,965	70,284		70,284	15,681
Insurance	5,181,419	5,145,506		5,145,506	35,913
Total General Fund	112,247,510	112,158,839	426,699	112,585,538	(338,028)
Enterprise Funds					
Sewer Fund					
Personal Services	\$ 225,499	\$ 227,985	\$	\$ 227,985	(2,486)
Expenses	1,031,679	1,010,641	8,301	1,018,942	12,737
MWRA	5,808,465	5,257,126		5,257,126	551,339
Art 27 of 99	300,000	21,991	48,000	69,991	230,009
Art 9 of 97				0	0
Art 9 of 98	151,683	151,683		151,683	0
Art 10 of 98	785,379	92,312	411,773	504,085	281,294
Art 8F of 02				0	0
Art 8F of 03	145,889	88,721	57,169	145,889	0
Art 8H of 03	8,711	8,711		8,711	0
Art 18E of 04	150,000	14,868		14,868	135,132
Art 20 of 04	600,000			0	600,000
Debt Service	275,951	275,950		275,950	1
Total Sewer Fund	9,483,257	7,149,987	525,243	7,675,230	1,808,027
Water Fund					
Personal Services	561,461	570,997		570,997	(9,536)
Expenses	1,322,826	1,293,379	342	1,293,721	29,105
MWRA	4,260,146	3,790,673		3,790,673	469,473
Art 9 of 03	894,146	562,915	331,231	894,146	0
Art 9 of 02	799,639	52,855	95,904	148,759	650,881
Art 11 of 01	56,756	12,099		12,099	44,657
Art 19 of 04	850,000	56,403	529,582	585,985	264,015
Debt Service	253,896	228,546		228,546	25,350
Total Water Fund	8,998,869	6,567,866	957,059	7,524,924	1,473,945
Recreation Fund					
Personal Services	509,828	496,697		496,697	13,131
Recreation Pine Meadows Expense	621,246	529,256	22,636	551,892	69,354
Expenses	401,489	364,909	11,308	376,217	25,272
Art 8I of 00				0	0
Art 8H of 01	10,622	6,135	3,200	9,335	1,287
Art 18H of 04 Playground Improv	2,910			0	2,910
Art 18I of 04 Tennis Court Improv	121,882	112,421	7,042	119,463	2,419
Art 8E of 02				0	0
Art 16 of 03	17,367	1,508		1,508	15,859
Art 12 of 00	3,320	3,320		3,320	0
Art 8B of 02	107			0	107
Art 30 of 99	102,292	26,207	3,895	30,102	72,191
Art 8B of 03	1,681			0	1,681
Art 26 of 05	65,000	23,547		41,453	
Art 28 of 05	50,000				50,000
Total Recreation Fund	1,907,743	1,563,998	48,081	1,588,532	295,664

NOTE: The above amounts include carry forward activity

Combined Balance Sheet–June 30, 2006

	General Fund	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise Funds	Trust & Agency	Long-Term Debt	Total
ASSETS							
Cash and Investments:							
Cash	\$37,147,653			\$0			\$37,147,653
Temporary Investments							
Total	\$37,147,653	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$37,147,653
Receivables:							
Property Taxes	\$2,464,453						\$ 2,464,453
Motor Vehicle Excise	\$ 340,916			\$ 340,916			\$ 3,026,912
User Charges & Liens				\$ 3,026,912			\$ 1,860
Special Assessment	\$ 1,860						\$ 327,561
Departmentals	\$ 327,561						\$ 418,879
Tax Title	\$ 418,879						\$ 0
Due from Other Governments							\$ 0
Due to/Due from other funds	(\$24,979,724)	\$6,290,997	\$ 6,463,429	\$ 8,106,757	\$ 4,118,541		\$ 1,734,764
Other					\$1,734,764		
Total	(\$21,426,055)	\$6,290,997	\$6,463,429	\$11,133,669	\$5,853,305	\$ 0	\$ 8,315,344
Property and Equipment - Net				\$44,499,768			\$44,499,768
Amount to be Provided For:							
Repayment of Long Term Obligations							\$ 0
Retirement of Bonds					\$	52,743,000	\$52,743,000
Repayment of Anticipation Notes			\$18,521,685				\$18,521,685
Total	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$18,521,685	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$52,743,000	\$ 71,264,685
Total Assets	\$15,721,598	\$6,290,997	\$24,985,114	\$55,633,436	\$ 5,853,305	\$52,743,000	\$161,227,450
LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES							
Liabilities:							
Warrants Payable	\$1,222,500	\$1,248,255	\$ 903,190	\$ 292,784	\$ 358,525		\$ 4,025,253
Accrued Claims			\$1,798,680				\$ 1,798,680
Accrued Payroll	\$ 229,747	\$ 13,113					\$ 242,860
Reserve for Abatements	\$1,291,264						\$ 1,291,264
Deferred Revenues	\$2,262,405						\$ 2,262,405
Deposits & Other Liabilities	\$ 236,036				\$1,744,231		\$ 1,980,267
Bond and Grant Anticipation Notes		\$18,521,685					\$18,521,685
Bonds Payable			\$3,241,978		\$52,743,000		\$55,984,978
Total Liabilities	\$ 5,241,951	\$1,261,368	\$19,424,875	\$ 3,534,762	\$3,901,435	\$52,743,000	\$86,107,392
Fund Balances:							
Retained Earnings				\$48,249,598			\$48,249,598
Retained Earnings Appropriated							\$ 0
Fund Balances:							\$ 0
Unreserved	\$5,862,347	\$1,095,251	\$2,016,690		\$1,819,651		\$10,793,938
Reserved for Expenditures	\$4,314,560		\$2,318,694				\$ 6,633,253
Reserved for Encumbrances	\$ 426,699	\$3,934,377	\$3,543,550	\$ 1,530,383	\$ 132,219		\$ 9,567,227
Reserve for Future Year Tax Levy							\$ 0
Short-Term Debt Deficit							\$ 0
Overlay Deficit							\$ 0
Snow & Ice Deficit	(\$ 123,959)						(\$ 123,959)
Reserved for Debt Exempt Premium							\$ 0
Reserved for Debt Service							\$ 0
Total Fund Balances	\$10,479,646	\$5,029,628	\$ 5,560,239	\$52,098,674	\$ 1,951,870	\$ 0	\$75,120,058
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES	\$15,721,598	\$6,290,996	\$ 24,985,114	\$55,633,436	\$ 5,853,305	\$52,743,000	\$161,227,450

NOTE: The above amounts include carry forward activity

Revenues/Expenditures and Fund Balance–June 30, 2006

	FUND TYPES				
	General	Governmental Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Fiduciary Expendable Trust	Combined Totals Memorandum Only 2006
REVENUE:					
Property Taxes	\$93,955,886				\$ 93,955,886
Intergovernmental	\$ 7,265,528	\$ 4,953,140	\$11,838,712	\$ 3,390	\$ 24,060,770
Motor Vehicle & Other Excise Tax	\$ 4,539,478				\$ 4,539,478
Departmental Fees & Charges	\$ 4,461,859	\$ 5,983,332		\$ 7,106	\$ 10,452,297
Investment Income	\$ 1,094,463	\$ 1,151		\$ 130,220	\$ 1,225,834
Special Assessments	\$ 25,041				\$ 25,041
Payments in Lieu of Tax	\$ 1,142,436				\$ 1,142,436
Penalties & Interest	\$ 365,393				\$ 365,393
Licenses & Permits	\$ 1,316,551				\$ 1,316,551
Fines & Forfeits	\$ 309,439				\$ 309,439
Total Revenues	\$114,476,074	\$10,937,623	\$11,838,712	\$ 140,716	\$137,393,125
EXPENDITURES:					
General Government	\$ 3,876,707	\$ 592,469	\$ 31,192		\$ 4,500,368
Public Safety	\$ 9,364,576	\$ 1,439,180	\$ 161,011	\$ 210	\$ 10,964,977
Education	\$71,732,229	\$ 7,661,287	\$13,606,630		\$ 93,000,146
Public Works	\$ 6,399,656	\$ 3,257,861	\$ 1,093,747		\$ 10,751,265
Health & Human Services	\$ 564,514	\$ 285,353			\$ 849,867
Culture & Recreation	\$ 2,511,498	\$ 12,225	\$ 1,436,530	\$ 2,555	\$ 3,962,809
State & County Assessments	\$ 643,387				\$ 643,387
Debt Service	\$ 8,460,611				\$ 8,460,611
Pension	\$ 3,276,385				\$ 3,276,385
Insurance	\$ 5,329,276	\$ 104,664			\$ 5,433,940
Total Expenditures	\$112,158,839	\$13,353,040	\$16,329,110	\$ 2,765	\$141,843,754
Excess (Deficiency) of Rev over Exp	\$ 2,317,235	(\$2,415,417)	(\$4,490,398)	\$ 137,951	(\$ 4,450,629)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):					
Proceeds of BANS/GANS/Refundings	\$ 0	\$ 4,518,000	\$21,791,685	\$ 0	\$ 26,309,685
Repayment of BANS/GANS/Refundings	\$ 0	(\$ 335,000)	(\$15,237,685)	\$ 0	(\$ 15,572,685)
Transfer from Reserve for Abatements			\$ 0		
Transfer from other Funds	\$ 2,705,943	\$ 500,000	\$ 653,000	\$ 603,647	\$ 4,462,590
Transfer to other Funds	(\$1,756,647)	(\$ 716,026)		(\$ 100,000)	(\$ 2,572,673)
Total Other (Uses)	\$ 949,296	\$ 3,966,974	\$ 7,207,000	\$ 503,647	\$ 12,626,917
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$ 3,266,530	\$ 1,551,556	\$ 2,716,602	\$ 641,599	\$ 8,176,288
Fund Balance, Beg. of Year	\$ 7,213,115	\$ 3,478,068	\$ 3,624,691	\$ 1,352,659	\$ 15,668,535
Fund Balance, End of Year	\$10,479,645	\$ 5,029,624	\$ 6,341,293	\$ 1,994,258	\$ 23,844,823

Revenues/Expenditures/Fund Balance, Special Revenue — June 30, 2006

	Balance July 1, 2005	Transfers/ Adjustments	Revenues	Expenditures	Encumbrances	Balance June 30, 2006
School Lunch	(\$ 7,098)		\$ 1,521,064	\$ 1,535,781		(\$ 21,815)
School Lunch Total	(\$ 7,098)	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,521,064	\$ 1,535,781	\$ 0	(\$ 21,815)
Highway						
Art 32C/05 Traffic Signal Imp	0	100,000	0	36,145	15,885	47,970
Art 32B/05 Street Improv	0	500,000	0	131,644	151,234	217,121
Art 32D/05 Sidewalk Improv	0	50,000	0	38,612	11,388	0
Art 18G of 04 Sidewalk Improv	17,488	80,053	0	96,658	883	0
MA 450135457	0	566,519	0	0	473,880	92,639
Art 1/02 STM Street Improv	2,794,465	1,717,493	0	1,920,833	2,183,846	407,280
Exempt						
Art 8C of 02 Traffic Improv	26,334	0	0	0	0	26,334
Art 8D of 02 Street Improv	2,424	0	0	41	0	2,383
Art 8D of 03 Street Improv	259,904	0	0	1,596	0	258,307
Art 18D of 04 Street Improv	536,920	2,125	0	539,045	0	0
Art 24 of 04 Street Improv	335,000	0	0	255,605	79,395	0
Lanconia						
MA 4246158	446,120	31,835	0	29,520	448,435	0
MA 0039303	0	564,438	0	0	0	564,438
Highway Total	4,418,656	3,612,463	0	3,049,699	3,364,946	1,616,472
Other Special Revenue						
Hanscom/Massport Litigation	40,999	0	(25,784)	3,256	0	11,960
CMARC Gifts	2,815	0	0	0	0	2,815
Lions Club Sound System	0	0	8,000	8,000	0	0
Keyspan Incident - Town Hall	0	0	5,666	5,666	0	0
H.A.T.S.	291	0	0	0	0	291
Sale of RE - Receipts Reserved	12,855	0	0	0	0	12,855
Verizon	9,908	2,380	32,392	0	7,730	36,950
Lexington Center Benches	33,481	0	0	256	0	33,225
Massport Intern Grant	0	0	3,200	2,352	0	848
Bikeway	172	0	0	155	0	18
Arch Comm/MWRA - Water	96,475	23,084	25,196	51,519	29,631	63,606
Tower Gift						
Nextel Communications	102,565	3,704	33,328	88,239	48,269	3,090
T-Mobile Gift	0	0	6,300	0	0	6,300
Cable TV Account	31,252	26,095	9,762	8,439	26,095	32,575
Peg TV Revolving Acct	388,615	0	280,430	291,550	58,794	318,701
Retirement Administrator	0	0	61,915	61,915	0	0
Flexible Spending	85,214	0	5,355	1,541	0	89,028
Sprint Communications	59,394	0	70,204	64,759	56,100	8,739
N.O.I. Fees	12,745	0	8,081	4,822	0	16,005
Hardy Pond Brook	17,740	0	0	0	0	17,740
Lexington Center Committee	2,013	0	0	0	0	2,013
Gifts						
Liberty Ride Gifts	887	0	1,773	0	0	2,660
Liberty Ride-Revolving	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tourism Gift Account/DNC	116	0	0	0	0	116
Off Duty Detail - Police	(158,148)	0	1,038,782	1,005,268	0	(124,634)
Police Dept Gift Fund	148	1	1,000	299	0	850
Firearms Record Keeping Fund	195	0	7,313	7,313	0	195
Cops in School 7/05	0	0	9,638	9,638	0	0
Violence Against Women 9/05	(8,752)	6,832	8,744	6,824	0	0

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	Balance July 1, 2005	Transfers/ Adjustments	Revenues	Expenditures	Encumbrances	Balance June 30, 2006
Click It Or Ticket 6/05	0	0	10,714	10,714	0	0
Local Preparedness Grant 6/06	0	0	6,800	11,013	0	(4,213)
Community Policing 12/05	0	0	35,952	35,952	0	0
Violence Against Women 9/06	0	0	8,572	10,218	9,282	(10,928)
FY06 Community Policing 6/06	0	0	35,952	30,837	5,115	0
Click It Or Ticket 9/06	0	0	3,613	7,614	0	(4,001)
Emergency Med Dispatch 6/06	0	0	26,600	15,100	0	11,500
Violence Against Women 9/04	0	0	4,974	4,974	0	0
Off Duty Detail - Fire	3,934	0	18,475	16,483	0	5,926
Wellness & Fitness Grant 4/05	11,306	35,585	0	46,891	0	0
MEMA Grant 6/05	3,264	0	0	3,264	0	0
Fire Dept. Gifts	4,676	0	195	0	0	4,871
Fire PS Equipment FY 05	2,050	38,239	0	40,289	0	0
Safe 12/05	773	0	0	773	0	0
Injury Prevent in Comm 12/06	0	0	4,880	0	0	4,880
Assist to Firefighters 9/06	0	0	72,150	56,333	98,202	(82,385)
Safe 6/06	0	0	4,739	4,739	0	0
Firefighter Exam	1,064	0	0	0	0	1,064
Keyspan Incident - Fire	0	0	47,646	47,646	0	0
Keyspan Incident - Comm Dev	0	0	67,000	67,000	0	0
DPW Tree Revolving	0	0	5,013	0	0	5,013
Cingular Gift Account	30,900	0	32,417	22,599	16,003	24,715
Keyspan Incident - DPW	0	0	76,759	54,698	0	22,061
DPW Revolving	53,939	3,895	325,615	212,869	0	170,580
Lexpress Fare/Passes	4,438	0	65,955	70,393	0	0
MBTA Grant	0	0	80,000	80,000	0	0
Lexpress - Gift	30,360	0	45,671	41,143	0	34,888
Lexington Transit Guide	224	0	120	0	0	344
Mass Releaf Grant	0	0	3,058	12,411	0	-9,353
Urban Forest Plan & Edu Grant	886	0	45	8	0	923
Traffic Mitigation - Gift	20,040	829	7,000	26,914	0	955
Sch Transportation Avalon Bay	0	0	200,000	0	0	200,000
TDM Avalon Bay	0	0	250,000	0	0	250,000
Sale of Cemetery Lots	178,376	0	33,548	855	0	211,069
DPW Recycling/Composting Bins	2,344	0	1,590	2,550	0	1,384
Off Duty Custodian	2,817	0	7,838	4,420	0	6,235
Recycling Assistance Grants	10,577	0	0	0	0	10,577
Parking Receipts	518,117	0	391,537	322,014	0	587,641
Minuteman Hazardous Products	24,259	30,384	65,484	34,695	43,717	41,714
Off Duty Detail - DPW	5,810	0	32,161	33,118	0	4,852
Selectmens Tree Gift Account	2,515	0	2,985	5,500	0	0
Receipt Res - MWPAT Loan	3,714	0	0	2,321	0	1,394
Repaymts						
Recreational Trails 6/06	(2,165)	0	2,165	4,161	0	-4,161
NEGEF Grant FY06	0	0	1,500	1,500	0	0
Engine Ilding Grants	0	0	3,000	2,803	0	197
BOH - Outside Consultant Acct	0	0	2,400	1,898	502	0
COA-Social Day Care - Revolving	20,078	0	191,314	199,507	11,885	0
COA Transportation Grant	0	0	7,000	6,224	0	776
COA Gift Fund	10,553	0	4,025	0	0	14,578
Youth Svc - Parenting Ed 2/07	0	0	5,254	2,407	0	2,847
DEA Formula Grant	0	22,086	42,546	64,532	0	100

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Revenues/Expenditures/Fund Balance, Special Revenue — June 30, 2006 *continued from previous page*

	Balance July 1, 2005	Transfers/ Adjustments	Revenues	Expenditures	Encumbrances	Balance June 30, 2006
Library Development Officer	3,129	0	0	3,128	0	0
State Aid to Libraries	0	0	29,921	7,274	0	22,646
Recreation Gift Account	37,296	0	7,993	1,823	8,041	35,425
Insurance Reimbursement >20K	0	0	79,518	79,518	0	0
Insurance Reimbursment <20K	20,122	0	29,743	25,145	0	24,721
Other Special Revenue Total	1,736,383	193,114	3,972,734	3,358,079	419,366	2,124,781
School Special Revenue						
Off Duty Custodian	(48,944)	0	93,599	53,394	0	(8,739)
Driver Ed - Revolving	8,613	2,144	62,130	72,887	0	0
Lost Books - Revolving	132	830	7,527	6,516	1,973	0
Drama Foundation - Revolving	23,437	0	0	23,437	0	0
Athletics - Revolving	1	736	38,298	34,712	3,853	469
Adult Education - Revolving	319,827	2,335	359,285	509,566	3,824	168,058
Early Childhood - Revolving	912	1,550	46,816	44,873	218	4,186
Competitive Speech - Revolving	0	0	36,610	29,707	3,698	3,205
Debate - Revolving	1	499	41,619	17,866	6,878	17,375
METCO Fee Support - Revolving	17,645		0	2,250	0	15,395
J Benton Prof Dev Revolving	3,000	0	0	3,000	0	0
Gary Dickinson Teach Excel AWD	1,000	0	0	740	0	260
Testing - Revolving	0	0	101,273	23,126	78,105	41
Calculators & Wrkbks - Revolv	0	0	22,220	22,220	0	0
Estabrook Morning Club Revolv	0	0	2,403	2,403	0	0
Bowman Library	1,900	0	600	1,150	0	1,350
Elementary Gift	500	0	0	0	0	500
School Gift	16,328	460	(778)	2,937	460	12,613
Bridge School Gift	3,730	0	970	1,308	0	3,392
Diamond School gift	384	3,946	710	3,946	86	1,008
Fiske Sch. Gift Account	6,012	0	0	0	0	6,012
C.A.S.IT Italian Lang Gift	0	0	10,000	8,323	960	717
Athletic Gift Account	1,855	0	9,138	0	2,704	8,290
Hastings Gift Account	4,531	7	0	1,171	7	3,361
Vivian Burns Fiske Memorial Fund	4,696	0	0	0	0	4,696
Estabrook Gift	6,177	529	529	515	216	6,504
Clarke School Gift Account	204	3,500	0	-22	3,520	205
Circuit Breaker-Sch Special Ed	0	0	1,614,883	1,614,883	0	0
SPED Elec Portfolios MCAS 8/04	900	0	0		0	900
METCO FY 05	4,995	2,668	0	7,663	0	0
Academic Support 6/05	796	0	0	796	0	0
Essential Health 6/06	0	0	116,282	116,282	0	0
Academic Support 6/06	0	0	7,330	7,330	0	0
METCO FY 06	0	0	1,359,206	1,348,666	7,866	2,675
Jump Up & Go 6/06	0	0	10,000	7,174	2,826	0
Visualize & Model FY06	0	0	27,634	24,640	0	2,994
Mental Health Proj 8/06	0	0	11,250	37,728	5,731	(32,209)
Sped Electronic Portfolio 8/06	0	0	520	520	0	0
Drug Free Community 8/04	(20,000)	20,000	20,000		0	20,000
Drug Free Community 9/05	26,408	(20,000)	(20,000)	6,408	0	(20,000)
SPED: Prof Development 8/05	8,687	199	0	8,886	0	0
SPED 8/05	77,735	6,240	0	82,887	1,088	0
Title V 8/05	7	0	0	7	0	0

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Revenues/Expenditures/Fund Balance, Special Revenue — June 30, 2006 *continued from previous page*

	Balance July 1, 2005	Transfers/ Adjustments	Revenues	Expenditures	Encumbrances	Balance June 30, 2006
Title IV 8/05	1,744	0	0	1,744	0	0
Title IID 8/05	5,088	411	0	5,499	0	0
Title II A Educator Qual 8/05	1,619	0	0	1,619	0	0
Title I 8/05	12,377	11,975	0	24,352	0	0
Early Childhood Spec Ed 8/05	(3,572)	0	0	(3,572)	0	0
SPED: IDEA 8/06	0	0	837,494	1,272,712	9,498	(444,716)
SPED: Prog Improv 8/06	0	0	15,000	12,800	2,200	0
Early Childhood 8/06	0	0	41,618	41,206	0	412
Title I 8/06	0	0	187,341	225,858	5,281	(43,798)
Title IIA 8/06	0	0	85,803	105,147	0	(19,344)
Title IID 8/06	0	0	4,222	20	924	3,278
Title III 8/06	0	0	34,395	45,860	0	(11,465)
Title IV 8/06	0	0	18,745	19,127	0	(382)
Title V 8/06	0	0	3,944	7,888	0	(3,944)
Explore Opt Stud w/Autism 8/06	0	0	18,750	36,257	6,260	(23,767)
School Special Revenue Total	488,725	38,030	5,227,367	5,926,412	148,175	(320,465)
Bowman Community Grant	0	0	2,500	0	0	2,500
Bridge Community Grant	0	0	2,500	0	0	2,500
Estabrook Community Grant	0	0	2,500	0	1,500	1,000
Fiske Community Grant	0	0	2,500	2,485	0	15
Harrington Community Grant	0	0	2,500	2,250	0	250
Hastings Community Grant	0	0	2,500	200	0	2,300
Central Office Community Grant	0	0	10,000	7,522	0	2,478
Clarke Community Grant	0	0	4,500	4,104	390	6
Diamond Community Grant	0	0	4,500	0	0	4,500
LHS Community Grant	0	0	6,000	5,573	0	427
Assess Materials & Strat 06	0	0	3,600	3,600	0	0
Bring Drum to Lex 06	0	0	8,387	8,387	0	0
Get to the Heart of Learn 06	0	0	47,292	47,292	0	0
Keep it Rolling: Bowman 06	0	0	7,350	7,350	0	0
Video-On-Demand 06	0	0	4,305	4,305	0	0
Culturally Sensitive Care 06	0	0	300	300	0	0
Advancing Our Anti-Bias	0	0	6,562	6,562	0	0
The Boston Book Club 06	0	0	2,552	2,552	0	0
Owning Up - Young Women 06	0	0	5,260	5,260	0	0
Tech Integration Learning 06	0	0	5,067	5,067	0	0
All in One-Searching LHS on 06	0	0	1,980	1,980	0	0
Beyond the Language Lab 06	0	0	6,748	6,748	0	0
Chinese History Curriculum 06	0	0	4,400	4,400	0	0
Computer Animation 06	0	0	6,271	6,271	0	0
Earth Science: A Differented 06	0	0	305	305	0	0
Geology in Action: Earthqks 06	0	0	8,238	8,238	0	0
How Assign & Correct Writing 06	0	0	10,692	10,692	0	0
Lex Public School Academy 06	0	0	8,000	8,000	0	0
Lex Public School Mentoring 06	0	0	19,750	20,250	0	(500)
Meru Prof Dev Workshops 06	0	0	4,430	4,430	0	0
Picturing Writing 06	0	0	11,691	11,691	0	0
Wetland Restoration 06	0	0	2,000	2,000	0	0
Expanded Edtech Online	0	0	1,280	1,280	0	0
Lexington Education Foundation	0	0	216,460	199,094	1,890	15,476
Special Revenue Fund Total	6,636,666	3,843,607	10,937,624	14,069,066	3,934,377	3,414,449

Retirement Board

ROLE: To oversee, guide, monitor, and enforce the Massachusetts Pension Laws governing the Town's retirement system; to invest the system's assets prudently for the purpose of providing the benefits guaranteed to the public employees qualifying under the plan.

ELECTED by the members of the Retirement System: Chair Robert W. Cunha and Joseph Foley to 3-year terms ending in 2008.

APPOINTED by the Board of Selectmen: Michael McNabb to a 3-year term ending in 2008. By the Retirement Board: Alan Fields to a 3-year term ending in 2009. Rob Addelson, Assistant Town Manager for Finance, is an ex-officio member named by the Board of Selectman

HIGHLIGHTS:

The system consists of 380 retirees, three non-contributory retirees, and 617 active and 222 inactive members.

- Town meeting approved the passage of Chapter 157 of the Acts of 2005, an act that provides retirees with an accidental disability who are veterans to receive an additional yearly retirement allowance of \$15 for each year of creditable service to the Town to a maximum annual payment of \$300. In a separate vote, Town Meeting made this retroactive from the date of their retirement; 14 veterans were eligible, with a monthly cost of \$305 and a one-time retroactive cost of \$68,000.
- This year, eight town employees retired, one active member died, 38 members withdrew from the system, 26 members transferred to another system, 23 members transferred in, 96 new members joined, 24 retirees died, and one non-contributory retiree died. There are 31 disability retirements; no new disability retirements were granted this year. The system had two members on military leave.
- Under Chapter 17, the Retirement Board can grant a cost of living adjustment of up to 3% on the first \$12,000 in a year when the Consumer Price Index is less than 3%. The board granted a 3% cost of living increase this year.
- The board continued the process of broadening the system's asset allocation to include a new asset strategy. The board voted to fund a new international investment with the Wellington Asia Pacific fund; this new fund strategy replaces the Wellington Pacific Basin portfolio and will work within the Wellington Trust Company, which manages the Intermediate Bond Portfolio, TIPS Portfolio, Wellington Emerging Companies, and the Opportunistic Equity Portfolio. Fidelity Institutional Retirement Services Company manages our Contra fund. The Hartford Capital Appreciation Fund invests in an all-cap equity strategy for the system, and Earnest Partners manages a dedicated mid-cap strategy; Acadian Non-U.S. All Cap International Equity fund and the Julius Baer International Equity 11 fund rounds out our international investments. Golden Tree Asset Management manages the complementary high-yield bond portfolio, and PIMCO manages our

tactical allocation strategy. State Street Bank and Trust Company handles the Board's Institutional Custodian Banking.

- As fiduciaries, the Board carefully established an asset-allocation policy using a mixture of stocks, bonds, international funds, and cash equivalents. With the assistance of the Board's investment consultant, Meketa Investment Group, the asset-allocation policy is reviewed annually, and adjustments are made as necessary. The extent of our portfolio diversification between and within asset classes, as well as our skill in hiring and our diligence in monitoring strong investment managers, will continue to determine the success of the investment program. The Board is committed to long-term investment strategies, asset allocations, and diversification of investments.
- Buck Consultants prepared an actuarial valuation of the Retirement System as of January 2006. The valuation was prepared pursuant to Chapter 32 of Massachusetts General Law, based on the acceptance of Section 22D. The Board considered several different funding schedules during the course of the valuation before adopting one that amortizes the unfunded liability through 2015. The system was 85% funded in the prior 2004 valuation and is currently 89% funded. The market value of the system on December 31, 1996, was \$50 million dollars and, as of December 31, 2006, was approximately \$109 million. ■

Contributory Retirement System—12/31/06

	12/31/06	12/31/05
Cash & Equivalents	\$ 395,813	\$ 215,436
Fixed Income Securities		
Well. Intermediated Bonds	4,343,101	4,168,431
GoldenTree High Yield	4,667,495	4,109,899
Wellington TIPS	4,378,920	4,312,467
Total Fixed Income	\$13,389,516	\$12,590,797
Equities		
Fidelity Contrafund	24,054,920	21,569,989
Wellington Pacific Bas ex Japan	4,477,761	4,814,060
Wellington Opportunistic	13,709,240	12,164,349
Wellington Emerging Co.	6,060,188	5,157,277
Acadian Int'l All Cap Fund	10,449,403	7,986,137
Julius Baer Int'l Eq. Fund II	10,243,143	7,776,160
PIMCO All Asset Fund	12,001,949	11,400,714
Earnest Partners	6,951,958	6,258,966
Hartford Cap. App.	7,342,576	6,296,673
Total Equities	\$95,291,138	\$83,424,325
Total Assets	\$109,076,467	\$96,230,558

Trustees of Public Trusts

ROLE: To administer, invest, and disburse funds of 106 trusts, two cemetery funds, and monies bequeathed or donated to the town for specific public purposes. Since 1910, to encourage and facilitate local giving by Lexington citizens. To help donors with their giving today and enable their generosity to continue after their lifetimes, supporting causes they cared about and solving concerns we can't now imagine.

APPOINTED by the selectmen: Chair Alan Fields, Thomas Taylor, and David Williams.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- The total market value of the 106 trusts and two cemetery funds was \$7,764,711 as of June 30, 2006.
- Trustees distributed \$445,205 to the following specific areas of need:

All Purpose	\$ 26,789
Beautification.	\$ 170,894
Human Services.	\$ 11,530
Recognition	\$ 27,977
Scholarship	\$ 60,917
Perpetual Care.	\$ 147,098

Fund for Lexington

Fund for Lexington

ROLE: To assist Lexington residents in need, to support beautification projects, and to seed innovative projects for community betterment.

APPOINTED by the Selectmen: Chair Norman Cohen, Richard Pagett, Reverend Arnold Colletti, Daniel Lucas, David Walsh, Alan Fields.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Received contributions of \$25,000 from more than 350 residents.
- Aided residents with utility and rent bills that exceeded their resources and replenished the Human Services Fund to enable the Town's Human Services Department to assist residents in need.
- In conjunction with the Rotary Club, distributed winter clothing gift certificates to more than 50 children in Town.
- Provided money for landscaping around the high school, for flower barrels in Lexington Center and East Lexington, and for holiday decorating in East Lexington. ■

These trusts represent the love the donors and individuals being honored have for Lexington and its citizens and their wish to contribute to the Town's betterment. Knowing that a trust is in perpetuity and that gifts will be used locally and are tax deductible is most satisfying to donors.

The Trustees of Public Trusts make giving easy and attractive and makes it easy to be philanthropic. Any person or organization may create a named trust with a minimum gift of \$5,000. Additions may also be made to any existing trust at any time. The Trustees can accept a wide variety of assets and can accommodate a donor's financial and estate-planning objectives. Establishing a fund in the Trust is simple, quick, and economical. The Trustees take care of all the necessary paperwork at no cost.

A brief description of each trust and a financial statement follow. "Principal Balance" refers to the original gift and additions plus realized capital gains. "Income Balance" refers to unspent interest and dividends. Disbursements are the monies disbursed in FY06.

2005-2006

ALL-PURPOSE FUNDS

Fund for Lexington—Established 1995, the income to be used in three areas: assisting those in need, beautification, and providing seed money for innovative ideas and projects. Donations can be earmarked for any of the three areas.

Disbursements	\$ 26,474
Principal balance	\$ 11,674
Income balance	\$ 11,627

Genesis Community Fund—Established 1998, three-quarters of the income will be used for scholarships and human services

Disbursements	\$ 1,790
Principal balance	\$ 45,427
Income balance	\$ 394

George L. Gilmore Fund—Established 1950, the income to be used as the Town may from time to time vote, and if at any time special use arises to which in the opinion of the Selectmen the principal of said fund may be applied, then it may be applied upon the vote of the Town Meeting.

Disbursements	\$ 200
Principal balance	\$ 86,100
Income balance	\$ 9,023

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BEAUTIFICATION FUNDS

B O L T (Backers of Lexington Track)—Established 2000, the principal is to be expended to resurface, reconstruct, repair and maintain the indoor track and related projects at the Lexington High School (LHS) field house.

Principal balance \$ 5,746
Income balance \$ 450

Geneva M. Brown Fund—Established 1947, the income is to be used for improving and beautifying the common and triangular parcel of land in front of the Masonic Temple.

Principal balance \$ 17,966
Income balance \$ 323

Chiesa Farm Conservation Land Trust Fund—Established 2000, after notification three-quarters of the net annual income may be spent for plantings, signage, maintenance projects, and land acquisition of abutting land, to help preserve the character of the Chiesa farm conservation area.

Principal balance \$ 67,127
Income balance \$ 531

Dunback Meadow Conservation Fund—Established 2000, three-quarters of the net income may be used to help preserve the character of the Dunback Meadow conservation area

Principal balance \$ 6,798
Income balance \$ 533

Jack Eddison Blossom Fund—Established 1993, three-quarters of the annual net income to be used to help preserve the character and green spaces of Lexington and its Bikeway, through maintenance, new projects, and the planting of flowers and trees.

Disbursements \$ 2,200
Principal balance \$ 65,803
Income balance \$ 6,489

Frederick L. Emery Fund—Established 1936, the income is to be used by the Lexington Field and Garden Club for the work of grading, grassing, and keeping in order grass borders lying between sidewalks or footpaths and the driveways on public streets and in otherwise beautifying the public streets, ways, and places in said Town, preference being given to said objects in order stated.

Principal balance \$ 8,635
Income balance \$ 281

Orin W. Fiske-Battle Green Fund—Established 1899, the income is to be used for the maintenance of the Lexington Battle Green or the monuments erected thereon.

Principal balance \$ 1,517
Income balance \$ 11

Charles E. French Colonial Cemetery Fund—Established 1905, the annual income to be devoted to the care of the older part of the cemetery in which repose the remains of Rev. John Hancock and wife.

Principal balance \$ 17,550
Income balance \$ 1,715

Gordon/Souza Juniper Hill Fund—Established 1993, three-quarters of the annual net income shall be used to help preserve the character of Juniper Hill Conservation Land; such income may be spent for plantings, signs, maintenance projects, and land acquisition.

Principal balance \$ 32,063
Income balance \$ 2,139

Hayden Woods Conservation Fund—Established 1998, three-quarters of the annual net income shall be used to help preserve the character of the Hayden Woods conservation land; such income may be used for plantings, signs, maintenance projects and land acquisitions.

Disbursement \$ 552
Principal balance \$ 33,118
Income balance \$ 1,451

Hayes Fountain Fund—Established 1895, the income is to be used for the perpetual care of the fountain and grounds immediately around it.

Principal balance \$ 4,535
Income balance \$ 30

Richard and Jeanne Kirk Fund—Established 2000, up to three-quarters of the net income earned each year may be used for the maintenance, support, and improvement of the Theresa and Roberta Lee Fitness/Nature Path.

Disbursements \$ 166,805
Principal balance \$ 1,428,610
Income balance \$ 10,818

Tereasa and Roberta Lee Fitness Nature Path—Established 1990, the income and, if necessary, the principal are to be used by the Town of Lexington Recreation Committee through the Lincoln Park Committee for the work of grading, planting, beautifying, and maintaining the Teresa and Roberta Lee Fitness Nature Path.

Principal balance \$ 83,008
Income balance \$ 2,228

Lexington Community Playground Fund—Established 1991, the income and if necessary, the principal are to be used by the Lexington Recreation Committee for the work of repairing and maintaining the Lexington Community Playground

Disbursements \$ 600
Principal balance \$ 10,375
Income balance \$ 416

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Lexington Nature Trust Fund—Established 1992, the income and, if necessary, the principal are to be used by the Town of Lexington Conservation Commission for the acquisition, promotion, and management of its properties.

Disbursements \$ 700
Principal balance \$ 35,303
Income balance \$ 1,861

David G. Miller Conservation Trust—Established 2004, up to $\frac{3}{4}$ of the net income earned shall be used, when requested by the Conservation Commission, for the promotion, beautification and management of the conservation land in Lexington.

Principal balance \$ 10,002
Income balance \$ 451

Everet M. Mulliken Fund—Established 1948, the income is to be used under the supervision of the proper town authorities for the care of Hastings Park.

Principal balance \$ 36,103
Income balance \$ 3,036

Edith C. Redman Trust—Established 1928, the income only is to be used and applied for the care and maintenance of the Lexington Common; known as the “Battle Green.”

Principal balance \$ 2,696
Income balance \$ 17

George O. Smith Fund—Established 1903, the income is to be expended by the Field and Garden Club in setting out and keeping in order shade and ornamental trees and shrubs on the streets and highways in Lexington, or the beautifying of unsightly places in the highways.

Principal balance \$ 3,828
Income balance \$ 25

George W. Taylor Flag Fund—Established 1931, the income is to be used for the care, preservation, and replacement of the flagpole on the Battle Green, or for the purchase of new flags; any balance of income is to be used for the care of Lexington Common.

Principal balance \$ 6,729
Income balance \$ 499

George W. Taylor Tree Fund—Established 1931, the income is to be used for the care, purchase and preservation of trees for the adornment of the Town.

Principal balance \$ 13,910
Income balance \$ 1,142

Albert Ball Tenney Memorial Fund—Established 1950, the income is to be used to provide nightly illumination of the Lexington Minute Man statue.

Principal balance \$ 20,592
Income balance \$ 1,797

William Tower Memorial Park Fund—Established 1913, the income is to be applied by the Town, in each and every year for the care, maintenance, and improvements of Tower Park.

Principal balance \$ 108,655
Income balance \$ 4,710

Willards Woods Conservation Fund—Established 2000, three-quarters of the income may be used for plantings, signage, maintenance projects and land acquisition costs for the Willards Woods conservation area.

Principal balance \$ 8,157
Income balance \$ 638

CELEBRATION FUNDS

American Legion Celebrations Fund—Established 1982, three-quarters of the annual net income is to be used towards defraying the Town’s cost for the Patriots’ Day, Memorial Day, and Veterans’ Day celebrations.

Principal balance \$ 13,495
Income balance \$ 183

Leroy S. Brown Fund—Established 1940, the income is to be used towards defraying the expense of an appropriate and dignified celebration of the anniversary of the Battle of Lexington.

Principal balance \$ 15,383
Income balance \$ 136

HUMAN SERVICES FUNDS

Beals Fund—Established 1891, the income is to be expended for the benefit of worthy, indigent, American-born men and women over 60 years of age.

Principal balance \$ 8,348
Income balance \$ 681

Bridge Charitable Fund—Established 1880, the income is to be annually distributed among the deserving poor of Lexington without distinction of sex or religion.

Disbursements \$ 2,500
Principal balance \$ 45,087
Income balance \$ 3,708

Friends of the Lexington Council on Aging, Inc.—Established 1992, the income when requested, shall be used to provide programs and services to benefit older adults in Lexington. Principal may also be used for capital improvements to the Senior Center.

Disbursement \$ 7,500
Principal balance \$ 301,409
Income balance \$ 11,654

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Jonas Gammell Trust—Established 1873, the income is to be used by the Board of Public Welfare and by two women appointed annually for the purpose by the Selectmen in purchasing such luxuries or delicacies for the town poor, wherever located, as are not usually furnished them, and shall tend to promote their health and comfort.

Principal balance \$ 1,535
Income balance \$ 11

Jack and Sally Gardner Fund—Established 2000, up to three-quarters of the annual income may be used to support activities endorsed by the Friends of the Council on Aging.

Principal balance \$ 35,380
Income balance \$ 566

Elizabeth Bridge Gerry Fund—Established 1885, the income is to be distributed to the deserving poor of Lexington without distinction of sex or religion.

Principal balance \$ 6,210
Income balance \$ 987

Harriet R. Gilmore Fund—Established 1892, the income is to be used for the benefit of poor people in Lexington.

Principal balance \$ 3,504
Income balance \$ 23

Lexington Human Services Fund—Established 1990, to be funded by transfers from other funds administered by the Trustees as well as private contributions, to provide funds for the Lexington Human Services Committee in its mission to help individuals in need.

Disbursement \$ 1,500
Principal balance \$ 15,652
Income balance \$ 113

RECOGNITION FUNDS

Matt Allen Memorial Fund—Established 1944, reestablished 2004 to be used by the Athletic Dept. of LHS for annual awards to boys who have shown unusual faithfulness, effort and sportsmanship in each of five major sports and also for a tablet to be kept in the school as a record of these awards.

Principal balance \$ 5,514
Income balance \$ 276

EllaLou Dimmock Prize for Vocal Excellence Fund—Established 1997 by The Lexington Council for the Arts. The award recognizes a LHS student, selected by the LHS music faculty, who demonstrates promising vocal ability and/or promotes vocal musical performance in the community.

Disbursements \$ 190
Principal balance \$ 7,196
Income balance \$ 40

Dan H. Fenn, Jr. Minuteman Fund—Established 1998, three-quarters of the annual net income is to be used to fund a grant or award to an individual or group pursuing the study of colonial history, primarily Lexington.

Disbursements \$ 1,050
Principal balance \$ 16,884
Income balance \$ 165

Charles E. Ferguson Youth Recognition Award Fund—Established 1997, to fund monetary awards to the LHS students receiving the Lexington Youth Award at each Patriots' Day celebration. The recipients are selected by the Youth Commission. The fund was established with moneys left to the town by Charles E. Ferguson, Town Moderator from 1949 to 1969.

Disbursement \$ 500
Principal balance \$ 16,472
Income balance \$ 120

Paul Foley Leadership Fund—Established 1990, this award is made periodically to a member of the administration, faculty, staff, or a volunteer in the Lexington Public School System to recognize and reward his/her outstanding leadership in facilitating a team approach to meeting the educational needs of students, individually or as a group.

Principal balance \$ 5,211
Income balance \$ 182

Alice Hinkle-Prince Estabrook Award Fund—Established 2004, to place and maintain a physical memorial honoring Prince Estabrook, the African-American soldier and slave who fought as a Patriot on the Battle Green and to fund periodically the Alice Hinkle-Prince Estabrook Award.

Principal balance \$ 5,442
Income balance \$ 400

Lexington Education Foundation—Established 1989, to promote sound, innovative approaches to enhance excellence in education by funding projects in areas of creative program development, innovative materials, and instructional resources.

Disbursement \$ 25,950
Principal balance \$ 13,032
Income balance \$ 537

Millennium Arts Fund—Established 2000, three-quarters of the net income shall be paid from time to time to the LEF to fund a grant as appropriate.

Principal balance \$ 8,589
Income balance \$ 127

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Jacquelyn R. Smith Memorial Internship Fund—Established 1993, three-quarters of the annual net income is to be used to help professionals gain valuable work experience and explore career options within local government.

Principal balance \$ 127,264
Income balance \$ 3,750

Michael Wagner Technology Education Fund—Established 1999, three-quarters of the annual net income shall be awarded to a teacher at LHS who has done much to promote the art of technology by students and/or in the classroom, or has aided others in the system to effectively utilize computer technology.

Disbursements \$ 250
Principal balance \$ 9,460
Income balance \$ 85

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Sangwook Ahn Memorial Scholarship Fund—Established 1998, three-quarters of the annual net income is to be awarded to a LHS senior whose life encompasses a joyful display of zest, a respect for all, a striving for excellence, and service towards others.

Disbursements \$ 750
Principal balance \$ 24,934
Income balance \$ 182

Charles D. Aker Family Memorial Scholarship Fund—Established 1998, three-quarters of the annual net income to be awarded to a LHS senior who must have held a responsible position on a sports team (other than a player) for at least two years.

Disbursements \$ 199
Principal balance \$ 6,878
Income balance \$ 79

Bass DiDomenico Scholarship Fund—Established 2002, an award is to be made each year to a graduate of LHS who plans to major in music or music education.

Principal balance \$ 18,524
Income balance \$ 1,617

Hallie C. Blake Fund—Established 1920, the income is to be used annually in cash prizes to two seniors (a boy and a girl) of LHS, who by example and influence have shown the highest qualities of leadership, conduct, and character and who possess, in the largest measure, the goodwill of the student body.

Disbursements \$ 232
Principal balance \$ 7,861
Income balance \$ 94

Anne E. Borghesani Memorial Prize—Established 1990, three-quarters of the annual net income is to be awarded to a woman in the senior class of LHS who has demonstrated a commitment to the community.

Disbursements \$ 2,000
Principal balance \$ 79,277
Income balance \$ 283

Pauline Briggs Memorial Scholarship Fund—Established 2004, three-quarters of the income may be used to fund a need-based scholarship to graduates of Minuteman Regional High School.

Disbursements \$ 285
Principal balance \$ 9,007
Income balance \$ 152

James Cataldo Scholarship Fund—Established 2005, three-quarters of the income may be used to fund need-based scholarships to children of Lexington town employee who have graduated from LHA or Minuteman Regional High School.

Principal balance \$ 10,084
Income balance \$ 349

Robert and Edith Cataldo Family Scholarship Fund in Memory of Jerie Cataldo DeAngelis—Established 2004, up to three-quarters of the set income shall fund scholarships for a graduate of LHS who demonstrates financial need and is committed to teaching, especially those with learning disabilities.

Disbursements \$ 2,400
Principal balance \$ 16,260
Income balance \$ 468

Robert P. Clapp Fund—Income is to provide two prizes for pupils of LHS, one for excellence in speaking and the other for excellence in composition, for scholarships.

Principal balance \$ 2,022
Income balance \$ 33

Bettie Clarke Scholarship Fund—Established 1993, three-quarters of the annual net income to be awarded to a Lexington senior at LHS or Minuteman Regional High School, who joyously, intelligently and creatively participates in community public service and has demonstrated a respect for all points of view.

Disbursements \$ 800
Principal balance \$ 20,872
Income balance \$ 152

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Norman P. Cohen Scholarship Fund—Established 2002, three-quarters of the annual net income is to be awarded to a Lexington resident who is a graduate of LHS or Minuteman Regional High School and has shown evidence of financial need.

Disbursements	\$ 295
Principal balance	\$ 10,550
Income balance	\$ 126

Millerd Chandler Crocker Family Scholarship—Established 1973, three-quarters of the annual net income is to be awarded to a LHS senior, preferably one who graduated from Bridge School, has financial need, loves family, and is involved in community and school activities.

Disbursements	\$ 196
Principal balance	\$ 6,842
Income balance	\$ 76

Nan and Ray Culler Scholarship Fund—Established 1998, three-quarters of the annual net income is to be awarded to graduating senior(s) who are residents of Lexington, and who have participated in community public service, including volunteer activities in Town.

Disbursements	\$ 885
Principal balance	\$ 35,689
Income balance	\$ 216

June Denk Fund—Established 1994, three-quarters of the annual net income is to be used to award a scholarship and book selected by the Principal of LHS to a graduating senior who volunteered in the student library or made extensive use of the student library.

Disbursements	\$ 1,030
Principal balance	\$ 38,319
Income balance	\$ 428

Earl and Elsie Dooks Scholarship Fund—Established 2000, three-quarters of the income shall fund a scholarship(s) to a LHS graduate who is planning to study and enter the field of teaching.

Disbursements	\$ 296
Principal balance	\$ 8,608
Income balance	\$ 149

Mickey Finn Scholarship Fund—Established 1996 by the family and friends of Mickey Finn, who was a President of the Lexington Little League, a coach, and mentor of many Lexington youth. The scholarship is to be awarded to a graduating senior who participated in Lexington Little League or Girls' Softball.

Disbursements	\$ 325
Principal balance	\$ 11,756
Income balance	\$ 96

William P. Fitzgerald Memorial Athletic Scholarship Fund—Established 1998, to be awarded to a LHS senior who has shown positive growth in his or her athletic abilities and is recognized as a good person.

Principal balance	\$ 20,587
Income balance	\$ 138

Charles E. French Medal Fund—Established 1905, the income is to be used annually to purchase silver medals (or scholarship) to be distributed to pupils in the senior high school for the best scholarship.

Disbursements	\$ 176
Principal balance	\$ 6,133
Income balance	\$ 67

Nancy Gordon Memorial Scholarship Fund—Established 2002, three-quarters of the annual net income shall be awarded to a graduate of LHS or Minuteman Regional High School who demonstrates financial need and is going to pursue a degree in education.

Disbursements	\$ 164
Principal balance	\$ 5,638
Income balance	\$ 67

Mary P. Grace Scholarship Fund—Established 1998, three-quarters of the annual net income is to fund scholarships.

Disbursements	\$ 410
Principal balance	\$ 14,338
Income balance	\$ 160

Harrington Memorial Fund—To be used by the School Committee of Lexington for scholarships for needy children.

Disbursements	\$ 2,000
Principal balance	\$ 70,655
Income balance	\$ 785

Heritage Scholarship Fund—Established 1999, three-quarters of the annual net income is to be awarded to a LHS graduate(s) who is a resident of Lexington, has demonstrated financial need, has done his or her work conscientiously while not necessarily being in the top ten percent of the class.

Disbursements	\$ 2,280
Principal balance	\$ 90,233
Income balance	\$ 970

Jacqueline Toye Hoiriis Scholarship Fund—Established 2001, three-quarters of the annual net income is to be awarded annually to a LHS or Minuteman Regional High School graduate who is a resident of Lexington, has been a member of the Haydenette Precision Skating Team, and has been accepted at a college or university.

Disbursements	\$ 330
Principal balance	\$ 11,464
Income balance	\$ 132

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Richard Isenberg Scholarship Fund—Established 1986, three-quarters of the annual net income is to be awarded annually to a member of the junior or senior class of LHS who has demonstrated excellence in sports writing.

Disbursements	\$ 500
Principal balance	\$ 26,757
Income balance	\$ 168

George E. Jansen Scholarship Fund—Established 2005, three-quarters of the income may be used to fund need-based scholarships to graduates of Minuteman Regional High School.

Disbursements	\$ 145
Principal balance	\$ 5,993
Income balance	\$ 78

Gladys & Arthur Katz Scholarship—Established 2005, three-quarters of the income may be used to fund need-based scholarships to graduates of LHS or Minuteman Regional High School.

Disbursements	\$ 118
Principal balance	\$ 5,682
Income balance	\$ 77

LHS Class of 1938—Established 1998, three-quarters of the annual net income is to be awarded annually to two seniors of LHS (a boy and a girl) with financial need who have shown high quality of leadership and character.

Disbursements	\$ 249
Principal balance	\$ 9,097
Income balance	\$ 102

LHS Class of 1953/June Wilson Kennedy Fund — Established 2000. Beginning in 2003 three-quarters of the annual net income shall be awarded to a student who has demonstrated financial need and worked conscientiously and to the best of his or her ability without necessarily achieving a high level of academic standing.

Disbursements	\$ 1,198
Principal balance	\$ 50,716
Income balance	\$ 441

Lexington High School Class of 1954/Lawrence G. Movsessian Memorial Scholarship Fund—Established 2000, up to three-quarters of the income shall fund need-based scholarships to graduates of LHS.

Disbursements	\$ 546
Principal balance	\$ 18,940
Income balance	\$ 214

Lexington High School Class of 1996 Scholarship Fund—Established 1996, three-quarters of the income may be used to fund need-based scholarships to graduates of LHS.

Disbursements	\$ 154
Principal balance	\$ 5,362
Income balance	\$ 62

Lexington Outlook Club/Bessie and Gabriel Baker Scholarship Fund—Established 1989, three-quarters of the annual net income is to be awarded to women in the senior class of LHS who are going to college.

Disbursements	\$ 480
Principal balance	\$ 16,832
Income balance	\$ 181

Lexington Outlook Club Scholarship Fund—Established 1902, three-quarters of the annual net income is to be awarded to women in the senior class of LHS who are going to college.

Disbursements	\$ 740
Principal balance	\$ 21,308
Income balance	\$ 369

Lexington Outlook Club/Maxine Francis Warnecke Scholarship Fund—Established 1986, three-quarters of the annual net income is to be awarded to women in the senior class of LHS who are going to junior college or college, who need financial assistance, and who have made a commitment to pursue a career in medicine or science.

Disbursements	\$ 6,000
Principal balance	\$ 257,871
Income balance	\$ 3,116

Lexington PTA Council Scholarship Fund—Established 1966, to give financial awards to deserving Lexington students to be applied to the cost of their post-secondary undergraduate education.

Disbursements	\$ 24,000
Principal balance	\$ 183,906
Income balance	\$ 79,044

Lexington Police Children's Scholarship Fund—Established 2000, three-quarters of the income is to fund scholarship(s) for children of currently active Lexington Police officers.

Disbursements	\$ 2,000
Principal balance	\$ 6,049
Income balance	\$ 1,621

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Lexington Police Scholarship Fund—Established 2000, three-quarters of the income may be used to fund need-based scholarship(s) to graduate(s) of LHS, preferably those planning to enter the field of law enforcement.

Disbursements	\$ 190
Principal balance	\$ 5,674
Income balance	\$ 235

Christine Martin Scholarship Fund—Established 1999, three-quarters of the annual net income is to be awarded to a senior at LHS who plans to pursue a career working with children and has a history of volunteer work and/or has been active in the fight to prevent drinking and driving.

Principal balance	\$ 21,515
Income balance	\$ 146

Carolyn M. McCabe Memorial Scholarship Fund—Established 1986, three-quarters of the annual net income is to be awarded to a woman in the senior class of LHS who was a varsity athlete and who demonstrated aspects of Carolyn's character (i.e., good sportsmanship, inspired competition, spirit, and fun). Nominations must be made by a teammate or coach

Disbursements	\$ 1,000
Principal balance	\$ 42,197
Income balance	\$ 1,661

Robert & Mary McNamara Family Scholarship Fund in Memory of Edward Joseph McNamara, Jr.—Established 2004, three-quarters of the income may be used to fund need-based scholarships to a graduate of LHS who was a member of the football team and a resident of Lexington.

Disbursements	\$ 1,000
Principal balance	\$ 5,208
Income balance	\$ 97

Leo P. McSweeney Scholarship Fund—Established 2004, to fund scholarships to a graduate of LHS who is a current resident of Lexington, has demonstrated community involvement, and is a direct descendent of an elected town official, preferably a Selectman. Up to three-quarters of the annual met income may be spent.

Disbursements	\$ 167
Principal balance	\$ 5,857
Income balance	\$ 65

Srinivasu Meka Scholarship Fund—Established 1996 by the family and friends of Srinivasu Meka, a member of the LHS Class of 1991 who died in 1994. The recipient must have at least a 3.0 average, have been involved in student council or sports, and be planning to attend a 4-year college or university.

Disbursements	\$ 750
Principal balance	\$ 28,855
Income balance	\$ 313

Dominic and Assunta MODOONO Family Scholarship Fund—Established 2000, up to three-quarters of the income earned shall fund scholarship(s) on a need-based basis to graduate(s) of LHS or Minuteman Regional High School. Recipients should have selflessly, enthusiastically, and creatively served their school and community.

Disbursements	\$ 2,530
Principal balance	\$ 80,237
Income balance	\$ 1,382

Amanda Payson Scholarship Fund—Established 1933, three-quarters of the annual net income shall be awarded to female graduates of LHS who demonstrate financial need.

Disbursements	\$ 9,747
Principal balance	\$ 339,598
Income balance	\$ 3,804

Virginia M. Powers Scholarship Fund—Established 1995, three-quarters of the annual net income is to be awarded to a woman student with financial need who evidences a seriousness of purpose, a clear sense on responsibility, coupled with humility and respect for others.

Disbursements	\$ 486
Principal balance	\$ 16,997
Income balance	\$ 189

Elsa W. Regestein Award Fund—Established 1933 by Marcia Dane, the income to be used for awards to a member of the senior class of LHS who has done school work conscientiously and creditably and who, in the judgment of the faculty, deserves public commendation for carrying on at the same time, either in or out of school, a worthwhile activity or employment that has not been given other recognition. No scholarship will be awarded until the principal balance reaches \$5,000.

Principal balance	\$ 3,554
Income balance	\$ 60

Morton L. Salter Scholarship Fund—Established 2000, three-quarters of the income shall fund need-based scholarships.

Disbursements	\$ 10,150
Principal balance	\$ 66,175
Income balance	\$ 10,785

Dorothea Schmidt-Penta Memorial Scholarship Fund—Established 1980, three-quarters of the income to be awarded to a LHS senior planning to enter the field of health service

Disbursements	\$ 197
Principal balance	\$ 6,916
Income balance	\$ 76

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Mary and August Schumacher Trust Fund—Established 1988, three-quarters of the income is to be used annually to fund two scholarships, of equal value, to seniors at LHS who have been accepted to an accredited college, have worked diligently on academic studies while perhaps not being in the top ten percent of the class, and have a need for funds to obtain a college education.

Disbursements	\$ 2,710
Principal balance	\$ 94,804
Income balance	\$ 1,076

Foster Sherburne and Tenney Sherburne Fund—Established 1956, the net income from said fund is to be awarded annually to assist in the education of deserving young men or women living in Lexington.

Disbursements	\$ 1,098
Principal balance	\$ 38,110
Income balance	\$ 428

George O. Smith Scholarship Fund—Established 1905, to be used for “furnishing of a technical education to graduates of the high school in Lexington, who were born in that town.” The scholarship has been modified to those whose parents were living in Lexington at time of birth and fields of study broadened to engineering, physical science, or related fields.

Disbursements	\$ 9,000
Principal balance	\$ 412,462
Income balance	\$ 14,551

Mary Sorenson Memorial Fund—Established 1969, three-quarters of the annual net income to be awarded to graduating seniors in need of financial assistance.

Disbursements	\$ 212
Principal balance	\$ 7,314
Income balance	\$ 85

J. Stavenhagen Family Scholarship Fund—Established 2000, up to three-quarters of the income earned shall fund need based scholarship(s) to student(s) who have worked conscientiously to the best of their ability without necessarily achieving high academic standing.

Disbursement	\$ 157
Principal balance	\$ 5,740
Income balance	\$ 58

Ellen A. Stone Fund—Established 1890, the accrued interest to be paid to the School Committee who are to employ it in aiding needy and deserving young women of Lexington in obtaining a higher education.

Disbursements	\$ 230
Principal balance	\$ 7,939
Income balance	\$ 92

Steven Teitelbaum Memorial Scholarship Fund—Established 2000, three-quarters of the annual net income to be awarded to a male senior, graduating from LHS and planning to attend a two- or four-year college or university and to participate in post high school athletics. Recipient must have been a member of varsity athletic teams in at least two different sports, one of which must have been football or hockey.

Disbursements	\$ 500
Principal balance	\$ 16,458
Income balance	\$ 524

Richard S. Townsend Scholarship Fund—Established 1997 to fund scholarships for male graduates of LHS who have financial needs.

Disbursements	\$ 153
Principal balance	\$ 5,361
Income balance	\$ 189

Charles Lyman Weld Fund—Established 1946, the entire fund, both principal and income, are available upon a vote of the Town for educational purposes, a chapel at Westview Cemetery, or scholarships.

Disbursements	\$ 530
Principal balance	\$ 15,261
Income balance	\$ 632

S. Lawrence Whipple History—Established 1996 by his many friends in honor of “Larry” Whipple, the scholarship will be awarded to a Lexington resident currently attending a public or private secondary school or college who has demonstrated a genuine affinity for this community and has made a significant contribution to a better understanding of Lexington’s past.

Disbursements	\$ 400
Principal balance	\$ 12,173
Income balance	\$ 93

Edward & Virginia Williams Scholarship Fund—Established 2002, up to three-quarters of the income earned shall fund need-based scholarships to students who have worked diligently and demonstrated excellent community involvement or service.

Disbursements	\$ 306
Principal balance	\$ 25,206
Income balance	\$ 57

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Sevag Yazijian Memorial Scholarship Fund—Established 1995, three-quarters of the annual net income is to be awarded to a LHS senior planning to become a physician who has demonstrated consistent academic improvement; possesses aspects of Sevag's easy-going personality; is dedicated to family, friends, and community; evidences a desire to see others happy; and shows pride in an ethnic heritage.

Principal balance \$ 7,428
Income balance \$ 272

Monroe Cemetery Fund—Income is to be used in the maintenance of Monroe Cemetery.

Disbursements \$ 20,588
Principal balance \$ 370,651
Income balance \$ 8,146

Westview Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund—Income is to be used in the maintenance of Westview Cemetery.

Disbursements \$ 126,510
Principal balance \$ 2,253,207
Income balance \$ 43,016

Town Counsel

APPOINTED by the Board of Selectman: William Lahey of Anderson & Kreiger LLP, since December 2001.

Expenditures	FY06	FY05
<i>Legal Fees</i>	\$356,229	\$399,614

Pursuant to Chapter 90, § 28 of the Code of the Town of Lexington, this report was submitted in writing by Town Counsel for the period from January 1, 2006, to December 31, 2006. The report is divided into the several sections required by the bylaws.

All actions by or against the Town that were pending on January 1, 2006.

1. Jerome & Ruth Berg, et al. v. Town of Lexington, et al., Land Court No. 264514. Appeal from a decision of the Planning Board approving a subdivision on Grandview Avenue. Pending issuance of Appeals Court decision. (See also #1 in last section of report.)
2. Lawrence G. Trebino, Trustee v. Lexington Planning Board, et al., Land Court No. 266945. Appeal from a decision of the Planning Board disapproving a subdivision. The plaintiff has not been actively prosecuting this case.
3. Steven M. Raskind, et al. v. Town of Lexington, et al., Land Court No. 269183. Appeal from a decision of the Board of Appeals reversing a decision of the zoning enforcement officer that a lot was not buildable. The appeal of this decision is stayed pending decision in a related case.
4. Adams, et al. v. Lexington Zoning Board of Appeals, et al., Land Court No. 276627. Appeal of Zoning Board of Appeals decision granting variance. The plaintiff has failed to prosecute this matter.
5. Rising Tide Development LLC v. Lexington Zoning Board of Appeals, Housing Appeals Committee (HAC) No. 03-0521. Appeal of grant by the Lexington Board of Zoning Appeals of a Comprehensive Permit with conditions pursuant to G.L. c. 40B. HAC decision against Town now on appeal in Superior Court by abutters. Oral argument on Motion for Judgment on Pleadings held and decision pending.

6. William Taylor, et al. v. Lexington Zoning Board of Appeals, et al., Middlesex Superior Court No. 03-0746. Appeal of grant by Board of Appeals of Comprehensive Permit pursuant to G.L. c. 40B. The abutter/plaintiffs complaint was dismissed in the Superior Court and is now on appeal.
7. James R. Raymond, et al. v. Lexington Planning Board, et al., Land Court No. 292408. Appeal of decision of the Planning Board concerning 29 Rangeway Road. The plaintiff has not been actively prosecuting this case.
8. Town of Lexington v. Massachusetts Highway Department, Executive Office of Environmental Affairs and Modern Continental Construction Company, Middlesex Superior Court No. 03-3228. Action by Town in Superior Court for injunctive relief and a declaratory judgment relating to MHD's failure to consider noise and other environmental impacts as part of the Route 3/Route 128 interchange construction project in Lexington. After submission of detailed expert analysis justifying the construction of noise barriers along the Route 3/128 interchange, the parties entered into settlement negotiations over the summer of 2006. MHD agreed to build the noise barrier and has proposed a schedule to design the barrier within a year and build it by the end of November of the following year. The schedule has been incorporated into a motion for the Court to stay the action, which has been granted.
9. Katherine F. Conroy v. Lexington Conservation Commission, et al., Middlesex Superior Court No. 03-1956. Appeal from denial by Conservation Commission of order of conditions at property on Lincoln Street. Counsel appointed by the Town's insurance company is handling this case. Oral argument held on motion for judgment on pleadings, decision pending.
10. Katherine F. Conroy v. Town of Lexington, et al., Middlesex Superior Court No. 05-3533. Claim for alleged regulatory taking as a result of Conservation Commission action. Counsel appointed by the Town's insurance company is handling this case. Oral argument held on motion

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for judgment on pleadings, decision pending.

11. *Quinn Bros. of Essex, Inc. v. Jan Five d/b/a Alexandra Construction et al. v. Town of Lexington*, Middlesex Superior Court No. 04-2233B and other related cases. Claims by general contractor and subcontractors on Cary Memorial Library project to recover payments allegedly owed by general contractor and claim by Lexington against architect for the Project. Lexington has reached a settlement with general contractor. Litigation continues on sub-contractor claims against general contractor.
12. *Hartman v. Lexington Zoning Board of Appeals*, Land Court Case No. 300320. Appeal of decision by Zoning Board of Appeals regarding property at 131 Shade Street. Case has been voluntarily dismissed.
13. *Casella v. Lexington Zoning Board of Appeals*, Land Court Case No. 279910. Appeal of a decision by Zoning Board of Appeals regarding property on Steadman Road. A motion for reconsideration if adverse judgment against Lexington is pending and stayed with resolution of related case.
14. *General Mechanical Contractors v. CTA v. Town of Lexington*, Suffolk Superior Court No. 05-04894-D. Motion for Summary Judgment argued and under advisement by judge.

All actions brought by or against the Town during 2006.

1. *Cormier v. Planning Board of Lexington*, Land Court Misc. Case No.06-327082. Case stayed pending consideration of revised sub-division plans.
2. *The Chappy Corporation v. Castagna Construction et al. v. the Town of Lexington*, Suffolk Superior Court No. 06-0771-A. Motion for summary judgment is pending.
3. *Michael Meadows v. Members of Lexington Historical Commission & Steven Frederickson*, Middlesex Superior Court No. 06-1673. Settlement reached and stipulation of dismissal pending.
4. *Leonard J. Samia, et al. v. State Building Code of Appeals, Steven Fredrickson as Building Commissioner of the Town of Lexington*, Suffolk Superior Court No. 06-2684F. Appeal of decision by building commissioner voluntarily dismissed.
5. *Parker, et al v. Lexington Superintendent of Public Schools, et al, United States District Court of Massachusetts, C.A. No. 06-10751 MLW*. This case raises constitutional claims regarding reading material at Eastabrok School referencing families with same sex parents. This case is primarily being handled by counsel appointed by the Town's insurance company. A motion to dismiss has been filed and is scheduled for oral argument in February, 2007.
6. *Town of Lexington v. Stephen Hale, Architects & Associates*, Middlesex Superior Court No. 06-3866. Negligence and breach of contract claims by the Town against architect of Cary Memorial Library.
7. *Town of Lexington, et al. v. John H. Sellars*, Middlesex Superior Court No. 06-3169. An action by the Town to enforce Lexington Zoning and By-laws.
8. *Voss v. Lexington Conservation Commission*, Middlesex Superior Court No. 06-03073. Appeal by an abutter challenging decision of the Conservation Commission under the Town's wetlands by-law. The administrative record is being assembled.

All actions settled or disposed of during 2006.

1. *Grandview Realty, LLC v. Lexington Zoning Board of Appeals, Housing Appeals Committee (HAC) No. 05-11*. Appeal from a decision of the Board of Appeals granting with conditions a Comprehensive Permit on Grandview Avenue pursuant to G.L. c. 40B. The Housing Appeals Committee dismissed this action
2. *Capital Carpet and Flooring Specialists v. Peabody Construction Co., Inc. v. Town of Lexington*, Middlesex Superior Court No. 05-05066. Action by flooring subcontractor to recover disputed payment estimated in amount of \$52,000 for work performed at Lexington High School. This case was dismissed by parties.
3. *Lexington Historic Districts Commission v. Thomas and Laura Sheedy*, Middlesex Superior Court No. 04-293. Action to HDC order. Shortly before trial, the parties agreed to settle the matter and final judgment has been entered.
4. *Ranne P. Warner v. Lexington Historic District Commission*, Middlesex Superior Court No. 01-0397. Appeal from a decision of the Historic Districts Commission denying a certificate of appropriateness. The landowner performed the agreed upon work and this case has been settled and dismissed.
5. *Lexington Historic Districts Commission v. Ranne P. Warner*, Middlesex Superior Court No. 04-0292. Action to enforce non-compliance with HDC Order and continued nonpayment of fines regarding property at 30 Hancock Street. (See #4 above.) This case was dismissed by the parties.
6. *Mack v. Town of Lexington*, Concord District Court Small Claims Session No. 0547SC-0799. Claim against Town for alleged damage to house from public shade tree. After trial, the Court entered a judgment in favor of Lexington. ■

Noise Advisory Committee

ROLE: To advise the Selectmen on matters relating to the noise bylaw.

APPOINTED by the Board of Selectmen: Chairman Anthony Galatsis, Julian Busgang, Myla Kabat-Zinn, Jack Maloney, Ted Page, Jim Sheehy, Deborah Thompson, Martha Wood, Selectman liaison Jeanne Krieger, Tree Committee liaison John Frey, Bicycle Committee liaison Stewart Kennedy, Town Staff liaison David Pinsonneault.

HIGHLIGHTS: In response to the Board of Selectmen's requests, the Noise Advisory Committee addressed the following issues:

- Reviewed citizen-sponsored Article 23 of the 2006 Town Warrant and provided a recommendation to the Selectmen and Town Meeting.
- After several iterations, finalized the Special Permit forms that petitioners seeking relief from the requirements of the noise bylaw may use.
- Initiated a search for and reviewed existing state and town regulations within Massachusetts of leaf blowing equipment. ■

Legal Services Review Committee

ROLE: To review the Town's legal activities and needs; to evaluate common models for provision of legal services to municipalities, ranging from in-house staff counsel to specialty law firms; to advise the Board of Selectmen concerning the advantages and disadvantages of the various models; and if requested by the Board, to assist in the identification and review of potential providers of legal services to the Town.

Early in 2006, William Lahey, the current Town Counsel, and several of his key partners and associates relocated their practice to Anderson & Kreiger, a medium-sized law firm that represents municipalities and a range of other clients. In light of this transition, the Board of Selectmen appointed the Committee to assist the Board in determining whether to continue to use Mr. Lahey as Town Counsel under this new arrangement or whether it was an appropriate time for the Town to consider other options for obtaining needed legal services.

APPOINTED by the Board of Selectmen: Chair Peter Enrich, Margery Battin, William Dailey, Daniel Griffin, Jr., Philip Hamilton, Stephen Politi, Jeffrey Robbins, and Alan Wrigley.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Appointed in June 2006, the Committee completed its work and was discharged in December 2006. As its title indicates, the Committee's task was to follow up on the work of a prior committee that, in 2003, assessed the existing arrangements for the provision of legal services to the Town.
- As requested by the Board, the Committee undertook a thorough review of the various models by which municipalities comparable to Lexington obtain legal services. The

Committee identified four relevant models: in-house counsel, retention of a local practitioner for whom the municipality is the sole or primary client, retention of a large firm specializing exclusively in representation of municipalities, or retention of a multi-function firm (typically of medium size) representing municipalities and other client types. Members of the Committee conducted site visits to nearby communities using each of these models, conferred with the various elements of Lexington's government that make substantial use of legal services, and reviewed Lexington's needs and its current services.

- On the basis of this review, the Committee concluded that, although each of the models can work well under appropriate circumstances, the model that Lexington presently uses is the model most likely to serve its needs most effectively and efficiently. In part, this conclusion drew on the identification of a set of factors critical to effective legal representation and on the fact that a medium-sized firm with an expertise in, but not an exclusive focus on, the representation of municipal clients on an individualized basis best satisfied most of these factors. In part, the conclusion was based on the Committee's recognition that a key factor in client satisfaction is the existence of a strong, positive relationship between municipal officials and the lead legal counsel, a condition that Lexington's existing relationship with Town Counsel clearly met.
- At its meeting of December 4, 2006, the Board of Selectmen accepted the Committee's report and, on that basis, decided not to proceed with a search process for alternative providers of legal services. Thereafter, the Committee was discharged. ■

Lexington by the Numbers



Settled 1642, incorporated as Town of Lexington 1713

Latitude: 42.26N

Longitude: 71.13W

Area of town in acres	10,650.42
Area of town in square miles	16.64
Extreme length in miles	5.80
Extreme width in miles	4.85
Highest elevation, feet above m.s.l.	374
Lowest elevation, feet above m.s.l.	110

	2006	2005
Population	29,771	30,765
Public School Student Enrollment	6,199	6196
Town-owned conservation land, acres	1345.1	1345.1
Total Revenue Sources (FY)	\$132,300,575	\$126,443,036
Total Operating Expenses (FY)	\$126,169,785	\$122,776,030
Average single-family tax bill (FY)	\$7,744	\$7246
Typical annual residential water/sewer bill (FY)	\$1,175	\$1162
Solid Waste Trash (tons)	9740	9361
Recycled Materials (tons)	5221	5444
Average selling price of single-family home*	\$680,000	\$691,500
Single-family homes sold*	369	396
Single-family homes demolished	45	73
Permits issued for new single-family homes	57	80
Town of Lexington Moody's Credit Rating	Aaa	Aaa

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